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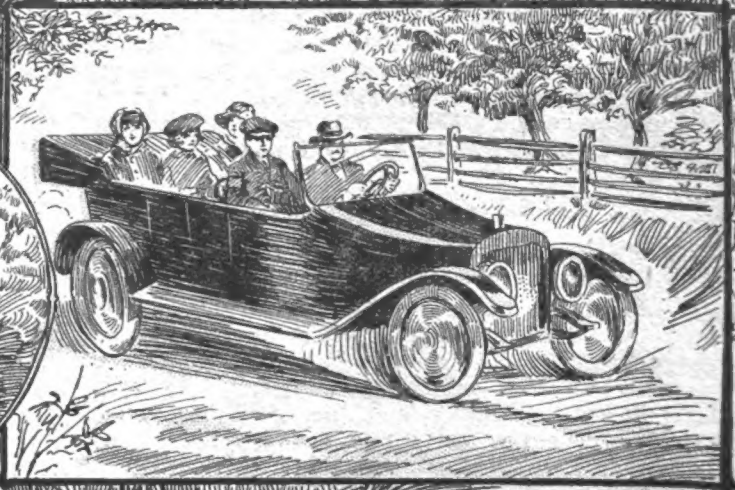
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*And softly came the fair young queen
O'er mountain, dale and dell;
And where her golden light was seen
An emerald shadow fell.
The good-wife opened the window wide,
The good-man spanned his plow;
'Tis time to run, 'tis time to ride,
For Spring is with us now.*

— Leland



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EDITORIAL

THOUGHTS THAT BREATHE AND WORDS THAT BURN

Government Officials Apprehend Grave Consequences of Farm Labor Situation

WHAT if the farmers should strike? What even if they should follow in the footsteps of industrial laborers only so far as to cut their hours of labor to match the work-day scale now prevailing in most all other employments? Obviously the answer to the first question is that the world would starve. As to the second proposition the answers of the farmers themselves virtually admit that the result would be higher prices and a distressing shortage of food. And yet they assert that, although they are not disposed to profiteer by striking and have no desire to curtail production, the latter course is being forced on them by conditions beyond their control, chiefly the labor situation.

Ample premonition of the tendency of industrial and economic conditions to impair agricultural activities was repeatedly given during the past year in the resolutions and memorials adopted by national conventions of the Grange and other farmer organizations, but passed unheeded by the general public and failed to evoke remedial action on the part of those who were responsible for the trend of affairs. But the general attitude of the farmers in all sections as disclosed by their answers now pouring into Washington at the rate of a thousand a day in response to the two hundred thousand questionnaires sent out by the Government is regarded with grave anxiety by public officials and is making thinking people sit up and take notice. These questionnaires requested suggestions as to how the Post-Office Department might aid in cutting down the cost of living, and were sent broadcast to farmers all over the country.

The information referred to reached the public through a carefully prepared report made by the Post-Office Department and read, on January 30, by the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General before the Senate Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads. The report summarized the views expressed by more than forty thousand farmers in the replies received prior to that date. While a small percentage of the answers were from well-satisfied farmers, the prevailing tone of a large majority, as summarized by the officials, reveals a wide-spread spirit of unrest and dissatisfaction among farmers throughout the land. Their chief complaints come under the two following headings:

Shortage of Farm Laborers

THEY say that their former hired help, and even the farmers' sons and daughters have been lured to the cities by high wages and short work days to an extent that compels a large reduction in farming operations, which, of course, will result in a corresponding diminution of farm products. They cannot obtain the man power to work the farms to normal capacity is their claim. With scarcity food prices naturally will rise, for the farmers must make a living by a larger profit on smaller production, and if, as intimated in some of their replies, they adopt the industrial laborers' policy of higher pay for shorter hours and less work the food problem of the cities will be still further aggravated. The farmers protest against the short hours of labor prevalent in manufacturing industries because the increased cost of production is reflected in the prices they have to pay for goods, and they say they are tired of working fifty to a hundred per cent. more hours a week than the rest of the community in order to keep down the price of food.

Middlemen's Profits Too Large

THEY claim that the wholesalers, retailers and other middlemen through whose hands farm produce passes exact extortionate profits to the detriment of both producers and consumers, and urge the necessity of more direct, efficient and economical agencies of contact between the farmer and the consumer. As in many localities the farmers have lowered the cost

of their purchases through the Grange stores or other cooperative means of buying it seems probable that the middlemen and their profits might, to a large extent, be eliminated by establishing cooperative markets for the sale of farm and dairy products in the cities and towns, and some of the answers offer suggestions of municipal or community assistance in maintaining such markets.

Some Interesting Extracts from the Farmers' Replies

THE following extracts from a number of replies taken at random from the more than forty thousand then on file in the Post-Office Department illustrate the trend of thought agitating at least a considerable portion of the farmers in the East, the South and the Middle West.

A Palmyra, Mo. farmer wrote: "I almost fear a famine. Farm help everywhere is flocking to the city, lured by short hours, high wages and the promise of a good time. Someone, I fear, is going to suffer if this condition is not remedied shortly."

Another Missouri farmer, who blames the middlemen for the high cost of living and suggests the establishment of municipal markets to be served by parcel post direct, said in his letter: "I sell butter to the dealer for 45 cents a pound, and the same butter sells to the consumer for 80 cents a pound. In the distribution we lose nearly half and we lose money on the butter at the first price. Such conditions are causing the farmers to leave the farms by the thousand. We have reached a crisis. You may ask what we would do with the middlemen. I will suggest that it be arranged for them to go on the farm and help produce things. I understand that they might not relish working 14 hours a day, but if we get by the near future there will have to be some useful work done by everyone."

An East Chatham, N. Y., farmer wrote: "The time is very near when we farmers will have to curtail production and raise only what we need for our own use and let the other fellows look out for themselves. Labor unions are more to blame for the high prices than anyone else. People are trying to get pay for what they don't earn."

Declaring that he works a 240-acre farm without help and that hundreds of other farmers are doing the same, a Revere, Mo., man declared that "the place to start to lower the cost of living is to cut the wages in the city, which have called our farm help there. We need them on the farm to help increase production and then we can cut the cost of living."

"The time is coming if not here," another letter declared, "when the consumer and farmer will absolutely have to deal direct with one another. The middleman wants a larger profit than we are getting while at the same time the farmer does the hard work."

A letter from a Hagerstown, Md., farmer read: "To reduce the cost of my foodstuffs to the consumer you must first furnish me with first-class labor at reasonable wages and second, you must eliminate thousands of middlemen who are robbing the people wholesale."

"The price of everything the farmer has to buy is still going up and the quantity we can raise and put on the market is steadily going down," a Missouri farmer wrote. "I am a small farmer and don't know much else. We are all loyal citizens, but there is an awful uneasiness."

An official who had looked over the replies said they indicated that a large percentage of the writers contemplated curtailment of acreage under cultivation.

Commenting on the replies, Assistant Postmaster-General Blaksleo said: "Such a condition at a time when the predominant cry is for

production and still more production cannot but constitute a grave menace."

The Proposed Remedy

IN a statement given out for publication on February 2, Sherman J. Lowell, Master of the National Grange, declared that it was the belief of the farmers of the country that the only way to reduce the cost of living was for everyone to be willing to do a "reasonable day's work," and that the forty-four-hour week would never support even America. Regarding the remedy for the present situation Mr. Lowell advised that "five very definite things" may be expected in time to have a beneficial effect on the world's food production:

"1—A more direct and less expensive system of distribution.

"2—The removal of all artificial restrictions upon the sale of farm products.

"3—A lengthened industrial day with honest service for wages paid.

"4—Increased dividends on farm investments which will enable their owners to meet the wage scale of competing occupations.

"5—Increasing social and educational privileges in rural communities."

Our newly appointed Secretary of Agriculture, Edwin Meredith, has long been in close touch with the farmers and farming interests in his capacity of publisher of a prominent farm journal. On February 2, when he took the oath of office as Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Meredith recommended, as a remedy for the high cost of living, the elimination of useless employees in non-productive business, the speeding up of all lines of industry commensurate with the present activity of the farmers, and that retailers and jobbers be permitted to exact only a reasonable profit.

"The high cost of living problem," Mr. Meredith asserted, "cannot be solved through the efforts of one class but all business and all labor must recognize the solution as a common duty or less and less will there be of farm produce to distribute among the people, and higher will go the price of that which is produced."

"The farmers of America are willing to assume their part of the responsibilities as American citizens in meeting any problem threatening the welfare and stability of our country but this high cost of living problem is a mutual one and they ask that it be approached by all the people as a common problem."

"Business men must look to the operation of their establishments and see that no useless employee is retained to add to the cost of distributing what the farmer now produces. Useless employees must be released from non-productive work that they may go into productive work and add to the sum total that may be distributed among all."

This perpetual merry-go-round of raising wages in the vain attempt to overtake prices gets nowhere, and it never can. As fast as wages are raised prices go up in proportion. How can it be otherwise when labor is eighty per cent. of the cost of production? Strikes, idleness and shorter working days not only increase the cost and raise prices but also reduce production and cause scarcity; that is the chief ailment of the world today. The farmers are right in their diagnosis and in the remedy they propose—to cut out profiteering middlemen and speed up production by making everyone give "an honest day's work for an honest day's pay"—and they say it must be done or we shall face the penalty of a food shortage and higher prices.

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She resolutely concealed her feelings and began to remove her hat and ulster.



A woman of perhaps thirty years entered, bearing a tray.



Who can she be? whispered Lord Cameron to Wallace.



Mrs. Van Vort readily complied with his request.

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

On a car, going up a steep hill, leading to the Zoological Gardens of Cincinnati, is Violet Draper Huntington. Opposite her sits Wallace Richardson. Nearly at the top of the hill, something beneath the car breaks. Wallace seizes Violet's hands and locking them behind his neck commands her to cling. The car crashes down, burying all the passengers beneath the ruins. They are the only two alive and hurried to Wallace Richardson's home, are cared for by his mother. Mrs. Mencke, Violet's sister provides a nurse and leaves orders for Violet to see no one. The nurse out for a walk, Violet goes to the adjoining room to meet Wallace and thank him for the life saved. As they become more friendly, Wallace realizes his danger and Violet is hopelessly in love. Violet asks Wallace to come with his mother to see her. Mrs. Mencke takes Violet to Saratoga for two months, then to Cincinnati, and home. The following day, picking up a paper, Violet reads of Mrs. Richardson's death. She goes to the Richardson's house and expresses her sympathy to Wallace, who unconsciously calls her my darling, and asks her forgiveness. As she whispers, "I am glad," he knows she is all his own. Returning home, her sister demands where she has been, and learning it was at Mrs. Richardson's funeral, that she rides in the carriage with Wallace and Mrs. Dent. Mrs. Mencke denounces it as questionable and that she must drop him for all time. Wallace, calling upon Violet, Mr. and Mrs. Mencke return and she introduces him and admits he is her promised husband. She overhears Belle's and her husband's scheme to place her in a convent. Mrs. Mencke, proposing a trip to Montreal, Violet refuses to go, and Mrs. Mencke takes Mrs. Hawley, who is to sail for Europe and chaperone Nellie Bailey, into her confidence and requests her to induce Violet to join them. Violet makes ready for the proposed trip and Wallace if at the steamer to say good by. Vane Cameron and Ralph Henderson join Mr. and Mrs. Hawley's party and before the voyage is over Vane Cameron surrenders his heart to Violet. Mrs. Mencke schemes that no letters pass between Violet and Wallace and later, joining the party in Europe, gives her permission for Vane to win Violet. Failing to get Violet's consent, she produces a notice of Wallace Richardson's death, which throws Violet into a severe sickness, leaving her sad and heartbroken. She confesses to Vane her love for Wallace Richardson, her sister's opposition, concealing nothing. Knowing she is unhappy from causes other than Wallace's death, Vane urges her to allow him to give her his name, to shield her from sorrow and care. Violet, afraid to yield, hesitates, but later she consents to what he thinks best, but with many misgivings. Mrs. Mencke, entering Violet's room, finds the bed made and the room in order and no trace discovered of her. Four weeks later, Lord Cameron sees the body of a woman upon the beach clad in dark grey suit with bands of blue silk. Believing it is Violet, he selects a spot near the sea for burial. The next day a stranger appears and requests to meet the woman reported to have married Lord Cameron. Being questioned by the Menckes his right, he produces the marriage certificate and Vane Cameron confirms it by Violet's admission of it to him, the treatment received, her disappearance and later the finding of her body by drowning and the burial. Wallace falls unconscious and Lady Cameron and Vane remain with Wallace through a severe illness, after which he returns to New York, building up a fine business. In the meanwhile, Wilhelm Mencke squanders all at the gaming table and Mrs. Mencke goes to Cincinnati from which place she suddenly disappears. Violet comes to New York, securing a position as governess for Bertha Lawrence, who is partially blind and possessed of a strong will. She wins her affections, Mr. Lawrence treating her as a member of the family, and alone with himself determines to win Violet. Wilhelm Mencke secures Violet's address and learns that Wallace Richardson is in the city. Calling upon him and desiring to raise money, he offers Violet's jewelry for two thousand dollars. Wallace objects, as the husband of Violet, he is the legal heir and will give a sum which may be named as their value and fifty dollars. Jonas Huntington dies, leaving a fortune to his niece, Violet Huntington. She, supposed to be dead, the nearest heir is Mrs. Wilhelm Mencke, for whom search is being made. Wilhelm Mencke, to secure this property, schemes to get Violet in his power. He haunts Fifth Avenue and learns of her movements. Bertha Lawrence, meeting with an accident, is lovingly cared for by Violet, until her death, after which she proposes to look for employment. Mr. Lawrence, in his gratitude, desires to adopt her as his daughter and heiress. Violet, going out at dusk, is accosted by Mencke. She steps around the corner of a street, when she is suddenly seized and thrust into a carriage.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

VIOLET BECOMES A PRISONER.

"WHAT do you mean, Wilhelm Mencke, by treating me in this shameful manner?" Violet demanded, indignantly, as she sank, panting, upon the seat opposite, and as far away from her companion as possible, her eyes blazing, her whole attitude expressive of mingled anger and loathing.

The man laughed, a low laugh of amusement and triumph, for he had succeeded in his scheme so much more easily than he had anticipated, notwithstanding he had been obliged to wait so long to carry it out, that he was very much elated.

"It means, my pretty little sister-in-law, that I have long been pining for your charming society, which you have been bestowing of late upon that rich old codger up yonder and I propose now to have you devote a little of it to me, who am your legal guardian," he replied. "You are no longer my guardian; I repudiate you and your authority," Violet cried, spiritedly. "According to the will of your father, you do not reach your majority until you are twenty-one, and nearly a year will have to elapse before your next birthday," Mr. Mencke calmly returned. "You were simply appointed the guardian of my property, and not of my person," Violet

retorted; "and I demand that you release me instantly. I will not suffer such an indignity—to be carried off forcibly like this. You have squandered all my fortune, so there is nothing now for you to guard, and I am abundantly capable of taking care of myself. Let me out immediately, Wilhelm," and forgetting her promise in her excitement, she turned to the window and began beating upon it to attract attention.

Wilhelm Mencke seized her hands and pushed her rudely back upon her seat. "Stop that!" he cried, fiercely, or it will be the worse for you. You promised you'd keep still, and you must do it, or I'll gag and bind you."

Violet saw that it would be useless to try to escape from his power now, and so, rather than be gagged and bound, she resolved to make the best of her disagreeable situation; at least until the carriage should stop, when she hoped to attract the attention of some policeman or passerby.

"Release my hands!" she commanded, authoritatively. "Will you keep still?"

"Yes," he released her again, and she shrank away from him with a shudder of repulsion.

"I cannot understand your object in kidnapping me in this unhuman style," she resumed; "you certainly cannot have anything to gain now that my money is all gone, while you are liable to get yourself into serious trouble by such an act of violence."

"Your latter statement I admit, Miss Huntington," her companion responded, ironically. "I am liable to get into trouble, but I have taken every precaution to avoid any such result, while what I am to gain remains to be seen later."

"If it is money that you want, Wilhelm, I will give you every dollar I possess if you will take me home," Violet said, appealingly, and trembling with nervous anxiety, for she saw that they were now being driven through streets that were ill-lighted and almost deserted.

"How much do you possess, Violet?" Wilhelm Mencke inquired, with some curiosity.

"I do not know exactly, but I have saved nearly the whole of my salary since I have been with Mr. Lawrence."

"How much did he pay you?" Violet named the sum that she received, and the man laughed aloud in derision.

"Pretty well—pretty well, I must admit, for a little girl who never lifted her hand before to do anything for herself, and who always had all the money that she wanted to spend for the asking," he said, while his fat sides shook with irrepressible mirth. "Really, Violet," he added, sarcastically, "your tastes must have changed immensely if you have been content to get along with that sum. But it has no temptation for me, as I hope to realize many times the amount by this lark."

"How?" Violet inquired, in surprise. "Well, in more ways than one. I have been told that the rich old banker is very fond of you, so probably he will offer a handsome reward for news of you when he discovers that you are missing."

"Shame! shame on you, Wilhelm Mencke! Have you fallen as low as that? Is it possible that you will descend to such an act of meanness to get money?" Violet cried, her voice ringing with scorn.

The man flushed hotly, for her words stung him, low as he had fallen.

"A man must live," he muttered, sullenly. "A man will work for himself," the young girl retorted, contemptuously; "none but leeches, parasites, or vampires will prey upon others in such a way."

"Your tongue, my pretty sister, has lost none of its sharpness since your decease. Pray, is this the style of conversation that you have indulged in since you entered the heaven of Fifth Avenue?" Wilhelm Mencke questioned, with a sneer.

Violet made no reply; she saw that it would be useless to contend with him regarding her release, and since she had no fear that he would do her any personal injury, she resolved to appear to submit to the inevitable and watch her opportunity to elude or outwit him.

The carriage now turned into a darker and narrower street, and the driver slackened the pace of his steed.

Presently he stopped, but as the carriage came to a halt, Mr. Mencke leaned forward, and again grasped Violet by the wrists, and said, in a low, resolute tone:

"I don't want to hurt you, Violet, but I am going to gag and bind you before we get out, unless you swear that you will make no sound to attract attention."

She realized that she was powerless in his hands and that it would be wise to yield entire submission to him for the present.

"There is no occasion for me to swear, but I will give you my word, which you know is as good as an oath," she returned, haughtily.

"All right," he answered, and at once let her go, for he knew that he could trust her.

He tapped upon the window of the carriage, and the man without immediately opened the door.

Wilhelm Mencke then got out, after which he assisted Violet to alight, and, without releasing his hold upon her, led her up the steps of a dark, deserted-looking house, which he entered with a latch-key.

He drew his captive into the hall, which was as dark as the catacombs of Egypt, shutting and double locking the door after them, and Violet's heart sank with a feeling of utter desolation as she heard the clogging in which they had come drive swiftly down the street.

Wilhelm Mencke then struck a match, and the young girl saw that they were in the long, narrow hall of an apparently unfurnished house. A flight of stairs, uncarpeted and unswept, led to the floor above, and thither her captor now drew her. She followed him without a word, but with a heart that grew heavier at every step.

Reaching the upper hall, Mr. Mencke paused before a door upon the right, and, after lighting another match, threw it open, revealing a comfortably, though rather scantily, furnished apartment.

A carpet, or an immense rug, somewhat faded and worn, had been spread upon the floor. A bed, ready for occupancy, stood in one corner, a table in another, while there were two or three chairs scattered about, and there was wood laid in an open grate, ready to light.

Mr. Mencke lighted a couple of candles, which stood on the mantle, after which he applied the match to the shavings in the grate; then turning to Violet, he remarked, with more of kindness in his tone than she had yet heard:

"This isn't much like your old room in the house on Auburn Avenue, Violet, but it must answer your purpose for the present."

"For the present," she repeated, as she faced him, haughtily; "what do you mean by that? How long am I to be kept in this miserable place, and what am I here for? I would like to know my fate."

"You need not be afraid of any harm or ill-usage, Violet, if you behave reasonably," Mr. Mencke said, in a reassuring tone. "I shall make you as comfortable and treat you as well as I can under the circumstances; you shall have plenty to eat, and all the reading matter you want, to make the time pass, but for the present you will have to stay right here, where no one can find you."

"For how long—days, weeks, or months?" she demanded.

"I can't say," he answered, shifting uneasily beneath her searching look, "at least, until I can mature my plans a little more fully. It may be some weeks—it may be months—I hope not, though, for my sake as well as yours."

He could not know the feeling of despair that settled upon the fair girl's heart at this reply. It seemed terrible to her to have to be shut away from the light and air in that wretched house and narrow street in a strange portion of the city, and to be deprived of her freedom with no hope of being released for long weeks.

But she resolutely concealed her feelings, and began quietly to remove her hat and ulster.

"Very well," she said, coldly, "of course, being helpless, I am obliged to submit; but if I am to be kept a prisoner here for any length of time, I trust you will not force your society upon me any more than is absolutely necessary."

Wilhelm Mencke flushed angrily at her evident aversion.

"You had better keep a civil tongue in your head," he said, sharply, and then turned as if to leave the room.

"Look here, Wilhelm," Violet interposed, a note of anxiety in her tones, in spite of the brave front that she had assumed. "What kind of a place is this? Is the house empty?"

"Yes, the house is empty—at least no one else lives in it; so if you were building upon the hope of appealing to any one for help, you may as well be undecieved," he answered.

"Am I to stay here alone?" Violet demanded, a cold chill running through all her nerves at the thought.

"No, you are not to stay here alone," Mr. Mencke replied, his eye softening as he noticed her sudden pallor. "I have engaged a woman to stay here to get your meals and to wait upon you, and I shall sleep in the house at night, so you will not lack for protection."

"What do you want of me? What is your object in all this? I cannot understand it."

"That is my business; but I'll tell you this much—I may want you to sign some papers by and by," Mr. Mencke returned, thinking it well to pave the way a little for future schemes.

"Sign some papers?" she repeated, eagerly, but somewhat surprised. "If that is all, I will sign them this minute and—"

"They are not ready yet, and may not be for some time," he interposed; then he added,

while an anxious look swept over his face: "I suppose you don't know anything about Belle's movements—I'd like to find her."

"No, I have no idea where she is, and you told me last summer that you had no wish to find her; what has happened to change your mind?" Violet inquired.

"Hum! a man sometimes says things in moments of anger that he doesn't exactly mean, and I'd give considerable to find Belle just now," he said, thoughtfully, and then added, as if he did not care to be questioned further, "but it is about time you had your supper. I will go and send it up," and he went out, locking the door after him.

Violet threw herself into a chair, exhausted from excitement and anxiety, and tried to think.

Had she followed her inclination she would have indulged in a flood of tears; but this she knew could do her no possible good and would unnerve and exhaust her still more, and she resolutely restrained herself.

It seemed the strangest thing in the world that Wilhelm Mencke should have abducted her in this way, and though he had intimated to her that he hoped to realize money from a possible reward offered for her, yet that did not seem a sufficient object to warrant so bold a crime, for he would incur a great risk in getting the money.

It was all a perplexing enigma to her. "Well, so far as I can judge," she mused, with a heavy sigh, as she removed her glove, "my chief trial will consist in the exercise of patience and in living in this desolate place. I will try to bear it with as good a grace as possible," she added, bravely and resolutely, "but meanwhile I will keep my eyes, ears and wits on the alert and see if I cannot meet strategy with strategy. I wonder what the woman, who is to wait on me, is like. I wish she would bring my supper for I am getting hungry in spite of my uncomfortable situation. I would like to measure her, too, to see what I shall have to cope with in my future plans to get out of this place."

"In the first place," she went on, thoughtfully, "I mean to make friends with her—however true she may prove to be to Wilhelm's cause, it will be better to have her my friend than my enemy."

This was a wise resolution, and proved such during the weary weeks that followed, for it gained the young girl many an attention and dainty which she could not otherwise have had. Presently Violet heard a door slam somewhere in the regions below, then there came the sound of steps upon the stairs, and a moment later the door was thrown open, when a woman of perhaps thirty years entered, bearing a tray, upon which there was neatly arranged a substantial and well-cooked meal.

She carefully relocked the door after her, simply nodding at her prisoner, while a curious smile flitted over her lips at Violet's pleasant "Good evening."

She was a large-framed, rather coarse-looking woman, having a ruddy complexion, heavy, jet-black hair, and piercing yet not unkindly eyes.

She placed her tray upon the table, which she rolled up to the fire, then setting a chair beside it, she said, respectfully:

"Your supper is ready, miss."

"Thank you," Violet returned, graciously, as she arose and went toward the table. "I believe I am very hungry, and"—as she ran her eye over the various viands—"you have brought me a very inviting looking repast. This steak is beautifully cooked, and your rolls look as if an artist had painted them, they are so evenly browned. Did you make them?"

"Yes," the woman briefly replied, while the curious smile again flickered over her face.

"She thinks I am 'giving her taffy,' as the boys say," Violet thought, as she caught the smile; but she pretended not to notice it, and simply remarked, as she broke one of the delicious rolls in halves:

"They are light as a feather."

No reply was vouchsafed to this, and Violet continued to eat her supper in silence for several moments.

At length she asked:

"Are you the woman who is to look after me while I am here?"

"Yes,"

That and nothing more, and Violet began to think she would find it a difficult matter to make friends with so taciturn a jailer.

But she looked up at her with a pleasant smile; it was as natural for the young girl to smile as it was to breathe.

"Then I shall have to call you something," she said. "What shall it be?"

"My name is Sarah," was the brief response.

"Well, then, I suppose you want me to call you Sarah, and I presume Mr. Mencke has told you who I am?"

Violet was anxious to learn how much the woman knew about her.

"Yes, you are Miss Draper," Sarah tersely replied.

"Ah, Wilhelm had not given her last name then! That was cunning in him," she thought. She nodded assent to the name, however, and then asked:

"Won't you please tell me if you are to remain here over night, and where you are to sleep? I confess I feel somewhat lonely in this strange place."

"Yes, I'm to stay here, and I shall sleep in

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SEVERAL months ago the sisters were invited to tell of the different ways in which they beautified their homes and made them more comfortable. Up to now the responses haven't been what one could truthfully call overwhelming, but this month, at a very opportune time, we have two splendid letters. The description of Mrs. Dallas' kitchen-porch leaves me wanting one just like it. Now what have the other sisters done? Tell us the little things for, after all, it is the little things that go to make up a day and a lifetime.

—Ed.

ELMIRA, MO.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

I have read COMFORT for years as my mother subscribed for it when I was a child. At that time it was, I think, ten cents a year, and since I have been in a home of my own it has always been a welcome visitor.



DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. W. M. JAMES.

As most of the sisters describe themselves, I will do the same. Am five feet, four inches tall, weigh 140 pounds, have brown hair and blue eyes. Have been married nearly five years to one of the best Bills. We have a darling baby girl, one year old, and truly I feel I have had many things for which to be thankful. Life is just about what we make it and we can make it either a pleasure or a drudge. We all have our ups and downs and sometimes more downs than ups but just get a smile on your face and go ahead. We live in a little town in the northwestern part of Missouri. The principal crops are corn, wheat and oats. I lived in Colorado one year and love the western country so much.

I would like to correspond with some of the COMFORT sisters and if they care to write to me I will try and answer all letters I receive.

I am sending a photograph of our baby which I hope to see in our corner.

An enclosing ten cents for Uncle Charlie. Let's all send our dime within the next few months and go over the top with the Home Fund.

Best wishes to all.

Mrs. W. M. JAMES.

BRADFORD, ILL.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

Your letters have brightened the days for me wonderfully and I feel as though I had been visiting all of you when I read the Sisters' Corner. It is helpful when we can get together like this, for one can doubly appreciate the privilege if they live in a new community among strangers that do not appear to care to make new friends. After having this experience I have vowed to make it a point to call on the newcomers and make them feel at home and one with us.

I am a very busy housewife, living on a farm. I try to keep down expenses by canning fruits, and using the cold pack method for the vegetables. I also raise chickens and geese to sell. The income from the butter and eggs has fed us and partly clothed us this year. I do all the sewing for my mother and little sister, and for myself as well. They are with us during vacation.

How many of the sisters have tried to raise pigs instead of chickens, to bring in extra pin money? My husband saw I was working too hard and tried to make it easier for me. He gave me a sow with four little pigs, which later I sold for over \$300.00. Then I bought a thoroughbred Hampshire sow. She raised sixteen pigs last year. A person could buy a sow with chicken money or raise up a little pig to get a start. It does not cost any more to feed them than it does to feed chickens and they are not as much care. But to figure them on a paying basis, after paying hobby for his share of the feed there will still be a big profit left. This plan has worked out so well that this year I will not raise any poultry to sell, and I will have that extra time for my housework, as my William thinks the most profitable place for his wife is to be queen over the house, keeping everything polished up, and for her to be sweet and refreshed when she meets him at the door.

The income from the pigs I keep in the "Savings Fund" to be used for improving the house, remodeling, painting and replacing of furniture, etc., as I see fit. Aside from this we share equally. And we both have free access to the purse and check book. I appreciate his liberality and try not to be wasteful.

In response to "What the sisters have done to make the home attractive," I will tell you how I managed to get a sink into my narrow seven-foot kitchen. An opening was cut out of the wall, the width of a sink and higher than my head. The sink was set in even with the wall and boxed in all around the back and two sides. This extends back onto the porch and looks like a cupboard from that side. In the kitchen side it has a door below the sink and I hang my dishpan on this door. Part way above the sink there is a narrow shelf where I put the dishes as I wipe them. A 30x36-inch sink is large enough to hold a dishpan and draining rack.

As my kitchen is very small, it gets real hot in summer so we built a summer porch on the east end. It is 12x16 feet. The sides are boarded up three feet

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Comfort Sisters' Recipes

THE one-dish meal is a boon to the housewife at any time and particularly so during the days when there is spring cleaning on "upstairs, downstairs and in m'lady's chamber," and it doesn't make any difference whether it is cooked in a casserole of glass or earthenware with shiny nickel trimmings or the odd baking dish that every kitchen possesses, with a cover borrowed from the agate saucepan; the taste is the same. A few casserole dishes are given below.—Ed.

ESCALLOPED OYSTERS.—One quart of oysters, one pint of milk, one half cup butter, two eggs, salt and pepper to taste and two dozen crackers, rolled fine. Butter an ordinary baking dish, with cover. Heat milk, add cracker-crumbs, melted butter, oysters, beaten eggs and seasoning; stir well, cover with layer of cracker-crumbs and bake half an hour. When nearly done, remove cover to let crumbs brown.

SALT FISH AND PARSNIPS.—Soak boneless salt fish half a day, and very slowly bring to a boil but do not let it boil. Try out salt pork in frying pan, then add raw parsnips cut in slices, and after they have heated through and been turned in the fat, add a cup



SALT FISH AND PARSNIPS.

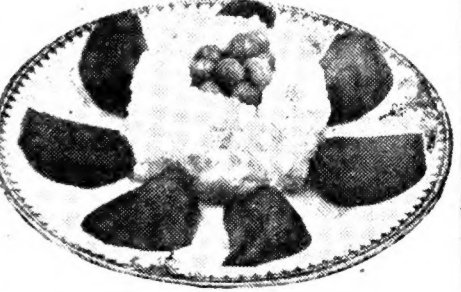
of boiling water. Cover tight for fifteen minutes, and then remove cover and brown. Arrange on platter in alternate rows with salt pork, and over all pour a white sauce.

BAKED CRACKERS AND CHEESE.—Twelve crackers, one cup of grated cheese, one and one half cups of milk, salt and pepper to taste, and two tablespoons of flour. Make a sauce of the milk, flour, cheese and salt. Break the crackers into halves, moisten slightly with milk, and arrange in layer on bottom of baking dish. Cover with cheese sauce, then another layer of crackers and repeat until all are used. Let cook twenty minutes. —Mrs. D. E. M., Sulphur Springs.

ESCALLOPED EGGS.—Six hard-boiled eggs, one pint cream, three quarters cup cold chopped meat, one quarter cup chopped walnuts, and one cup of cracker-crumbs. Cover bottom of baking dish with layer of crumbs, cover with layer of eggs, moistened with cream, another layer of eggs followed by meat and nuts mixed together. Repeat until ingredients are used, having top layer of crumbs, dotted with pieces of butter. Add rest of cream and put in oven to bake. —M. E. H., Milton, Mass.

CASSEROLE OF RICE AND MEAT.—Line a mould (slightly greased) with steamed rice. Fill the center with two cups cold, finely chopped, cooked meat, seasoned with salt, pepper, cayenne, celery salt and onion juice. Then add one fourth cup cracker-crumbs, one egg slightly beaten and enough hot stock or water to moisten. Cover meat with rice; cover rice with buttered paper to keep out moisture while steaming and steam 45 minutes. Serve with tomato sauce.

RICE CROQUETTES WITH VEGETABLES.—Pour half a cup of boiling water over half a cup of well washed rice. Add half a teaspoon of salt, cover, and steam on back of stove until the rice has absorbed the water. Add one cup of scalding milk and stir lightly with a fork, then cover and steam until rice is tender. Pour into a cool dish and add two well-beaten egg yolks and three teaspoons of butter, and when cool enough



RICE CROQUETTES WITH VEGETABLES.

to handle, shape into flat balls, hollowing out the top. Roll in beaten egg, then in fine bread-crumbs, and fry in deep fat. Fill the center with peas or other vegetable, and surround with quarters of boiled beets.

CORN SOUP.—Three quarters can of corn, one quart of milk, one teaspoon of salt, one half teaspoon pepper, one teaspoon sugar, one teaspoon flour, and one tablespoon butter. Put the milk in double boiler to heat. Cook the salt, pepper, sugar, flour and butter together until the flour is well cooked; add to it a little of the hot milk, mix well and pour into the milk. Heat the corn and, when ready to serve, pour it into the thickened milk.

MOCK BISQUE SOUP.—Two thirds quart can tomatoes, one quart of boiling milk, and two thirds teaspoon soda. Cook the tomatoes, remove from stove and strain through a sieve, add the soda and while it is foaming add the hot milk. Season with salt, pepper and add a little butter.

ORANGE SNOW.—Soak one quarter of a box of gelatin in one quarter of a cup of cold water until soft. In three quarters of a cup of boiling water grate half the yellow from one orange rind and strain after standing five minutes. Add the soaked gelatin and one cup of sugar and stir until it dissolves and then add one half cup of strained orange juice. When it begins

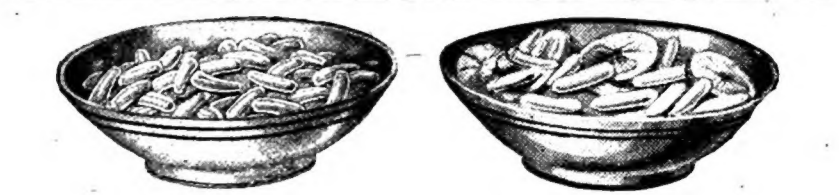


ORANGE SNOW.

to stiffen, beat in the whites of three eggs that have previously been beaten to a stiff froth. With an egg beater continue beating until thick enough to prevent settling and pour into mould. To serve, turn out onto serving plate, surround with sections of orange from which the seeds and pulp have been carefully removed and edge the plate with macaroons.

MOCK DUCK.—Take four pounds of round steak; have it cut in two slices about an inch thick; sprinkle with salt and cover with dressing made as for turkey. Roll and tie firmly, sew in cloth and steam four hours.

PEA SOUP.—One cup of split peas soaked over night in cold water, two teaspoons butter, one tablespoon flour, one half teaspoon each salt, pepper and sugar, and two quarts of cold water. Put the peas over the fire in two quarts of cold water and let come slowly to a boil; simmer until the peas are thoroughly cooked. As the liquid boils away add more water to keep it to two quarts. When the peas are cooked soft, rub through a colander and return to fire. If too thick, dilute with milk, bring to a boil and stir in the butter and flour, rub together until smooth, and season.



When Wide Awake

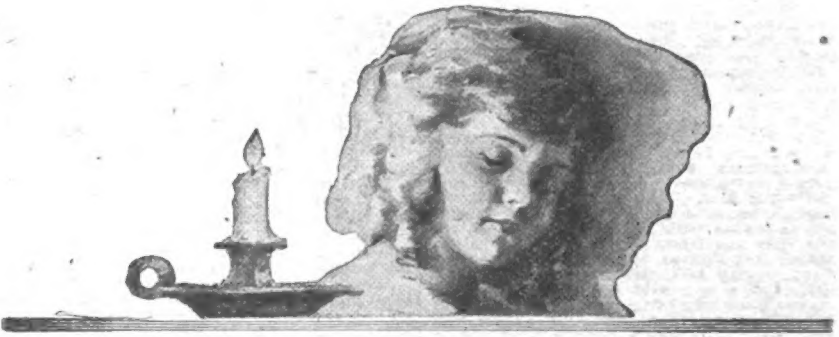
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Driven Apart

by Julia Edwards



At that instant Neil's eyes noticed an object on the rug.



But his glad cry faded on his lips. The room was empty.



"Tell me this, my poor girl. Were you married to Mr. Preston?"



"I ask nothing of heaven," she said harshly.

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Nicholas Berdine, past middle age, his face marred by dissipation, schemes with Hartley Trenwyck to win Beryl Grayson, whose father is dead. She is engaged to Neil Preston, who goes to Alaska in the interest of a mine owned by Grayson and which falls into Berdine's hands. Neil Preston is reported dead by Dave Gorsline, who is hired by Berdine to tell Beryl. In her sorrow and loss of wealth, she refuses continued aid from Berdine. Mr. Jackman from Denver, wanting to repay a debt owed to Beryl's father, invites Beryl to his ranch, where she forms a friendship for Tonita, a beautiful Mexican girl, who advises her not to marry Berdine through any mistaken idea of gratitude. Irma Lee, discarded by Berdine, warns Beryl that he serves his own selfish purpose and that Neil Preston lives and is on his way to Jackman's Ranch. Berdine, persistent that Beryl shall become his wife, Neil Preston, overhearing her denunciation of his baseness and treachery and refusing to marry him, confronts Berdine who swears he will follow his trail. The day Beryl Grayson becomes Berdine's wife, Mortley Preston, opposed to Neil's marriage, will tender Trenwyck a check for five thousand dollars and Berdine will give a like sum. He admits Beryl's trust in Jackman and that the letter written offering her the home was inspired by him, that he holds a heavy mortgage on the Jackman ranch, and with this knowledge they plot to separate the lovers who plan to be married the following day. Jackman, a tool in Berdine's and Trenwyck's hands, drugs the wine which he gives Beryl when he drinks with her to her happiness, and she, feeling dizzy and faint, goes to her room and the door is locked. Neil Preston, returning for Beryl, meets Tonita. Approaching Jackman's house, an automobile is in waiting and a man with Beryl in his arms appears from the house and lifts her into the car. Preston strikes him down, and taking the auto, with Tonita, they make their escape through the night for San Francisco. Trenwyck advises Berdine not to go too far. Not to be fooled in capturing Beryl, they take an early train to San Francisco, wiring Gorsline to watch for the auto, the Red Flyer, which he locates near the residence of a minister, who is called early to perform a marriage ceremony, which is scarcely over, when there is a summons from the door. Berdine enters, and Neil, struggling to defend his wife, reels and falls to the floor amid the chaos of an earthquake, while Beryl is borne helplessly away. Making her escape, she wanders back to Pine Street, searching the wrecked house in vain for her husband, who is hurried to a temporary hospital by Tonita. She leaves a note for Neil that Berdine has taken Beryl in the Red Flyer. Neil, regaining consciousness, goes in search of his wife, and seeing the wreck of the machine, knows that Beryl has escaped from Berdine. Trenwyck, in league with Gorsline, meeting Beryl, assures her that Tonita is waiting for her on Sutter Street, and, unconscious of treachery, she goes with Trenwyck, where she is made a prisoner by Gorsline. Neil, wandering on Portsmouth Square, recognizes Trenwyck and following him sees him enter the house to which Beryl is persuaded to go. He opens the front door and lets himself in.

CHAPTER XVIII.

IN THE DRAWING-ROOM.

ONCE within the house, Neil could hear voices talking in one of the rooms that opened off the hall. There were two men, but neither had the voice of Berdine; of that Neil was sure.

Closing the door as softly as he had opened it, he stood for a space under the broken transom. As he lingered, trying to decide what he had better do, a fluttering firebrand was blown in at the gap above the spacious doors. He smothered it under his foot, advanced a few steps, and then halted and looked up through the opening.

Scraps of fire were falling thickly outside, startling proof that the conflagration was coming close to that part of Sutter Street. The thunder of dynamite explosions, too, was drawing nearer. Yet still the two men in the room off the hall continued to talk.

Neil stole a look between the damask curtains of the first arched doorway. The men were not in that apartment, but their voices came through another draped archway leading to the drawing-room. He stepped into the first room and crossed it, his footsteps muffled by the thick carpet on which he trod. Halting at the other curtains, he drew one a little apart, and peered through. Trenwyck was there, and a low-browed, bull-necked scoundrel whose sudden face bore an indelible mark of the gallows. Who could that second man be? Neil waited and listened, thinking he might secure a clew from the conversation of the precious pair.

The men were sprawled in easy-chairs. A box of cigars and a decanter of wine and glasses were on a gilded table between them. Trenwyck was just lighting a cigar, but Gorsline was already smoking.

Neil's clue was not long in coming. "You may be a lawyer, right enough," grunted the bull-necked ruffian, "but you're a fool, for all that. It wasn't no time to fill up on wine. The way you acted, no wonder the gal was scared and tumbled to our game."

"She was bound to find it out sooner or later, Gorsline," replied Trenwyck, in a half-apologetic tone. "What did you do with her?"

"Tied her in a chair. Didn't think I was going to let her go, did you?"

Gorsline! The mere sound of the ruffian's name on Trenwyck's lips, fired Neil's blood. Here, then, was the man Berdine had hired to go to

Beryl with a vicious falsehood—a plausible lie that had brought Beryl near to death, and caused her months of torture.

Neil's breath came short and hard, and his dark eyes gleamed with the righteous wrath that filled him. Only the importance of his hearing more of what the two villains were saying prevented him from springing out and taking terrible vengeance then and there.

This was the first time Neil had ever set eyes on Gorsline. The ruffian knew him by sight, for Berdine had set him to dogging Neil the very day the Argonaut had reached her home port.

Grinding his teeth and smothering his impatience, Neil waited and listened. The two had already mentioned a woman whom the gunman had made a prisoner. Neil's heart sickened at the thought that it might be Beryl. But, whether it was Beryl or not, he would free the captive at all costs.

"Well, no," muttered the lawyer, after a brief silence, "I didn't think you would let her go, Gorsline; but, if we can't find Nick, what are we to do with her?"

"Durned if I know. If you could drug her, we might take her across the bay to that yacht Berdine has chartered, or maybe to the houseboat in Belvedere Cove."

"I've had enough of this drugging business," said Trenwyck; "and as for getting her through the city at a time like this, it's not to be thought of. But say," he added, "she's a little beauty, ain't she? I've seen a good many beautiful women, but never one to compare with her."

"Stow it!" snapped Gorsline. "You ought to have more sense than to talk like that, or do what you done. Ain't thinkin' o' cuttin' Berdine out, are you?" he added, with a sharp look.

Trenwyck gave a forced laugh. The effects of the wine were wearing off slowly, and he was becoming more discreet.

"Nonsense!" he exclaimed. "I can admire Berdine's taste if I want to, can't I?"

"I give you warnin', my buck, that that's as far as you'd better go with it. You didn't get any track o' Berdine while you was out lookin'?"

"The town is too big, and in too much of a turmoil, to find any one. I'm wonderin' how you and I ever came together, and how chance ever enabled me to find Beryl Grayson as I did."

"There's something I can't understand," observed Gorsline. "You say she said she used to be Miss Beryl Grayson. Do you think she and Preston was married at that sky pilot's house, this mornin'?"

But Neil had heard more than enough. He had satisfied himself that his darling was really in the hands of those wretches. Without giving Trenwyck time to answer Gorsline's question, he dashed through the curtains.

"Preston!" cried Trenwyck, springing erect. "By the eternal, if it ain't!" added Gorsline, likewise leaping to his feet. At the same time the ruffian's hand gripped at the front of his shirt.

Beryl's wrongs, no less than Neil's own, were crying aloud for vengeance. It was the awful purpose shining in Neil's face that prompted Gorsline to think of a weapon and reach for it.

The air in the house had become well-nigh stifling. A whiff of smoke and a low crackling as of flames followed Neil from the front apartment into the drawing-room. A sound of hurried movements reached them from without. Yet these various sights and sounds of peril claimed not the least attention from the three men who stood facing each other—two of them glaring into each other's eyes their hate and defiance.

"You have been talking," said Neil, his voice low, but filled with a deadly menace, "of my wife. Her fair name is not to be sullied by lips like yours. I have heard much that has been spoken between you, and I am confident that, by the exercise of your devilish arts, you have spirited her away and made her a prisoner. You will tell me where she is, without a moment's loss of time, or both of you shall die!"

His voice rang out in the room with the last words, and Trenwyck cowered. He was a craven, at best, but Gorsline was made of sterner stuff. "You'll find out nothin' from me, d'you hear?" he shouted. "When you talk about takin' a man's life, that's a game two can play at."

As he finished speaking, Gorsline drew a knife from the breast of his shirt; a long, keen blade that glittered ominously as he gripped the handle and held it ready.

"Not that, Gorsline!" cried the frantic Trenwyck. "Preston," he added, imploringly, "have a care what you do!"

"Curse you for a coward!" exclaimed Gorsline, speaking to Trenwyck, but keeping his baleful eyes on Neil with catlike vigilance. "If you try to interfere with me, I'll knife you as well."

Neil was unarmed, yet the sight of the knife in no wise dismayed him. He felt that he could take the coarse ruffian by the throat with his two hands and strangle him like a cur. Beryl, his darling wife—her liberty, perhaps her life, was at stake.

The lawyer was in fearful straits. If any harm befell this scion of the proud family of Prestons, through him, there would be a woeful accounting.

"This—this must stop right here!" went on the lawyer, thoroughly sobered now. He even plucked up courage enough to take a step toward the two who stood facing each other, ready for a spring and a life-and-death struggle.

"Keep back!" roared Gorsline savagely. "The man that comes off best won't suffer for what happens here. Whatever deed is done will be wiped out by the fire in less'n an hour."

As if to exemplify these gruesome words, the clatter of a galloping horse was heard in the street, together with the stentorian cry:

"Clear the street! We're about to dynamite! Clear the street!"

The warning passed unheeded over the heads of Neil and Gorsline. They merely nerved themselves for the final struggle, realizing the necessity of having it quickly over with.

Neil's sharp eyes had been measuring the situation. When he moved, it was with a lightning-like quickness that caught his enemy unprepared. A chair stood near. Neil caught it up, and hurled it straight at Gorsline.

The ruffian sprang back, but not swiftly enough to evade a staggering blow in the side. He still held to his knife, but, before he could recover from the effects of the blow, Neil sprang upon him. One hand went to Gorsline's throat, and the other to the hand that held the knife. Clinging to each other fiercely, the two men reeled and swayed.

Trenwyck, craven though he was, and eager to preserve his life from dynamite and fire, was yet held to the scene by a morbid fascination. He could not go, although he knew he was in deadly peril every moment he stayed.

"Don't you hear?" he demanded feebly. "They're going to use dynamite in this block, perhaps in this very building!"

If he could have done so, Trenwyck would have crossed to the door leading into the library and released Beryl. But the door was secured, and the key was in Gorsline's possession. To go out by the front door, pass around to the side of the house, and enter the library by one of the windows, would have been feasible, but in that dread moment the idea never occurred to the lawyer.

For a full minute the combatants stood struggling back and forth, Gorsline powerless to free himself and slowly choking; then the ruffian, with a despairing call upon every particle of his strength, pushed forward, and forced his lighter antagonist back.

An overturned chair was behind Neil. He did not see it, and he could not have guarded himself against it if he had seen it. He fell at full length, and Gorsline, shaking the strangling clutch from his throat, dropped down upon him with a horrid shout of triumph.

"Now it is my turn!" he cried, his purplish face writhing with insane fury.

The knife was raised; and it would have fallen but for Trenwyck. With all his strength the lawyer caught the ruffian's lifted arm, and, amid oaths and curses from the latter, twisted the dagger from his grasp.

Neil was only momentarily at a disadvantage. His hands flew up, twisted themselves about the scoundrel's throat, and, with an irresistible movement of his body, he overturned his antagonist and held him to the floor.

"Tell me all, or you shall die!" he cried fiercely.

At that instant Neil's eyes noticed an object on the rug. Some of Gorsline's ghoulish spoils had been shaken from his coat, and among the articles was a ring—the ring Neil had given Beryl!

"Oh, you fiend! You inhuman wretch!" shouted Neil, in a spasm of wild rage. "If any harm has befallen my wife through you, I'll—"

Gorsline attempted to speak. Neil relaxed his fearful grip to permit intelligible words to come. "She is safe—I swear it!" gasped Gorsline chokingly.

"Where is my darling? Tell me, or, by Heaven, you shall never live to leave this house!"

"The library—the door on the left," said Gorsline thickly.

"The door is locked; he has the key," put in Trenwyck.

Neil saw a key on the rug at Gorsline's side. Picking up both the key and the ring, he sprang from the ruffian and rushed to the door. Another instant and he had turned the key in the lock, opened the door wide, and leaped into the library.

"Beryl, my wife! My darling!"

But his glad cry faded on his lips. The room was empty—there was no one there! The awful disappointment almost unhinged his reason. He tottered back against the wall, breathless from his late struggle no less than because of his conflicting emotions.

"Beryl, Beryl!" he continued to cry, but his staring eyes saw only vacancy.

Thinking he had been tricked, he turned back into the other room. But Gorsline and Trenwyck were gone. Blast after blast of exploding dynamite shook the house, yet Neil had no thought of leaving until he had learned more.

He ran back into the library. The smoke was thickening in the other rooms, but the library as yet was fairly clear.

A chair caught his eye; about it lay the makeshift ropes which Gorsline had used in binding his unhappy prisoner. Neil examined them.

Yes, he persuaded himself, it must be! Beryl had freed herself. But how had she escaped from the room?

His glaring eyes, smarting with the smoke, passed around the walls, and finally reached the openings where the windows had been. He rushed to the broken-gaps in the outer wall and looked out and down.

There was little doubt in his mind then. Beryl had freed herself of the twisted cords, and escaped from the house by one of the windows.

By this time the air was like that of a furnace. Without pausing a second longer, he hurled himself out. A mighty detonation accompanied by a lurid glare followed his flight; and with one arm thrown across his face to protect it from flying debris, he plunged on into the chaos of the street.

CHAPTER XIX.

A FRIEND IN NEED.

Beryl had been but a child in the cruel grasp of Gorsline. He had hurled her into the leather chair, bound her securely with the twisted sheets, and then smothered her lips with a fold of cloth. He feared she would cry out, and that some of the refugees who were fleeing along Sutter Street would come to her aid. This grievous work, finished, he tore the magnificent diamond from Beryl's finger and went back to the other room. Trenwyck had already left to search for Berdine.

Poor Beryl could not plead with the wretched thief to spare her the ring; she could not tell him how the golden circlet symbolized the tie that bound her to the man she loved better than life; nevertheless, her eyes expressed the mute agony she felt, and the sad, despairing tears dropped from her long lashes.

She had been deceived by these hirelings of Berdine. Tonita was not there; the promise of meeting her had been a trick to lure her into that deserted house. And that "good news" which was to tell of Neil's safety, and of the place where he was impatiently awaiting his beloved—ah, this, this was as false as all the rest! How was it that, in the great world, there could be hearts so base!

And the faithless one who had led her into that trap had gone in quest of Nicholas Berdine! He would come there; again she would find herself in his ruthless hands.

The very thought roused her tortured soul to action. She tried to scream, to wrench herself free so that she might fly with winged feet from the hateful spot; but her struggles were in vain, and she gave up with a choking sigh. Then, in that supreme moment, when she thought the light was lost, a voice came to her.

"Tell me this, my poor girl: Were you married to Mr. Preston?"

It was a woman's voice. For an instant the stricken girl felt that she must be dreaming. She looked up and saw Irma Lee standing before her. How could it be that Irma Lee was there, in that room, when she and Beryl had last met in the wooded path at Sunset Ranch?

"Ah, how brutally you have been treated!" exclaimed Irma Lee, seeming to notice for the first time the cloth that covered Beryl's lips and prevented speech.

Without loss of a moment, she unfasted the cloth and removed it, and then deftly untied the knots of the makeshift ropes.

"You here!" exclaimed Beryl wonderingly. "Not so loud, Miss Grayson," warned Irma, in a whisper. "Remember, Gorsline is in the other room. The door is closed and locked, and so we may talk for a little time."

"But how did you come?" persisted Beryl.

The other pointed to one of the window openings. "It was comparatively easy to enter this room in that way," she said.

"You knew these men were here?" continued Beryl.

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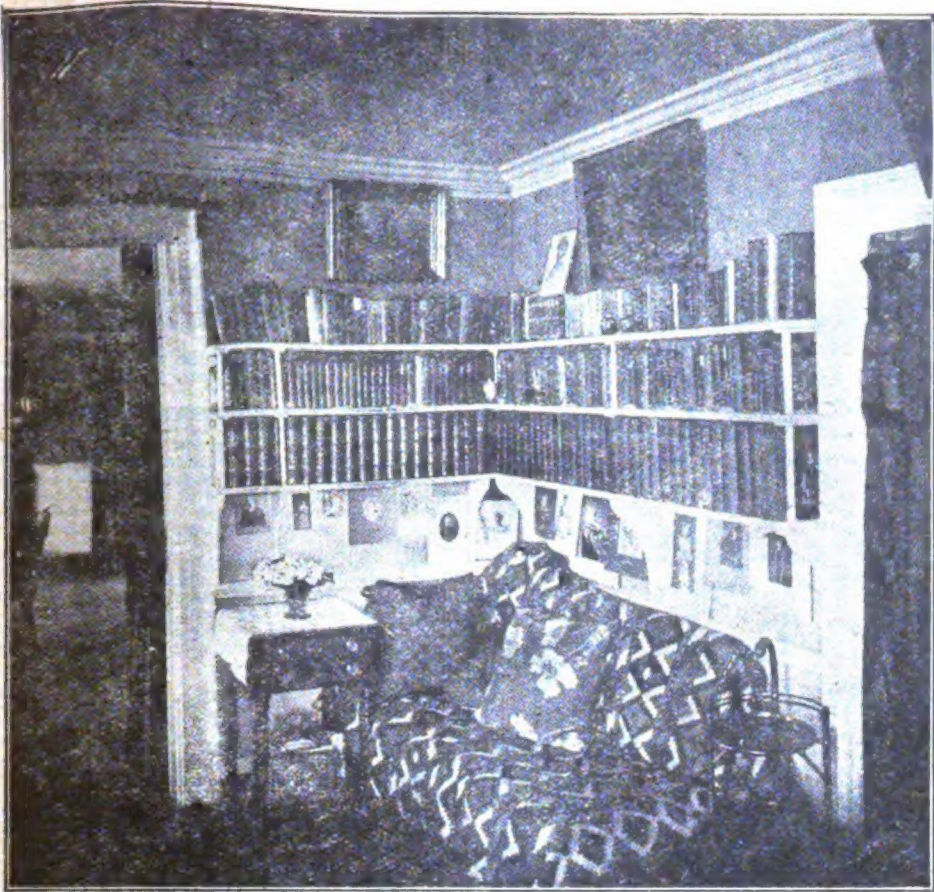
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Making a House a Home

By Eveline Vance

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It is often from seeing what others have done that we acquire the ambition to do the very same things for ourselves. Most likely, they are things that please the eye, suggest peace and comfort, and a saving of money; especially the latter, for thrifty we must be if we are keeping apace with the "new thought" of readjustment. In earlier days, our foremothers looked upon the papering of several rooms, the weaving of her own homespun and carpets as quite within her range of capabilities, and when we consider the money value attached to old pieces of hand-made furniture, whether handsome or merely "interesting", we realize we are going back to old-time ways, but with modern ingenuity and progression that leads to greater accomplishments.

The demands on the housemother who would make everyone within her home comfortable and happy are very great, and instinctively she knows that success comes by making the most of her limitations. Riches alone never made a home. It will build a house, but there must be the leading spirit of the home-maker, who with the simplest materials will create an interior that will not lack in charm and individuality. Such a home-maker will never depart from the appearance of domesticity, and she will always keep in mind that the chief purpose of a room is to provide comfortable accommodations for those who wish to read, study, talk, sleep, eat, or to enjoy various forms of amusement.

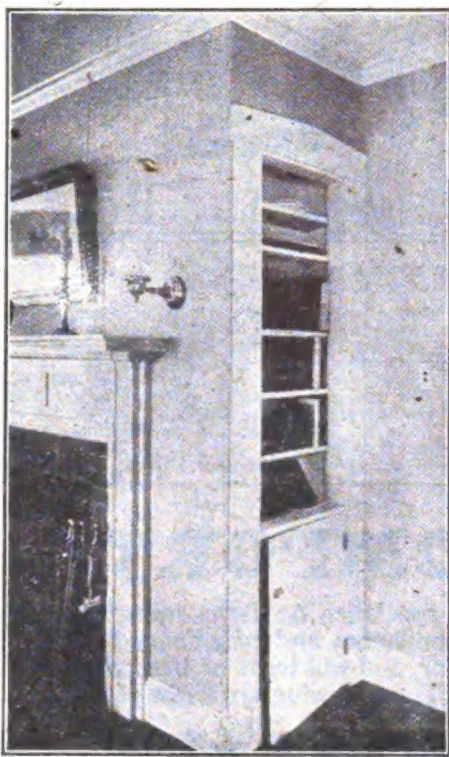
Someone has said that there should be a family resemblance in the furnishings of a room—a statement which carries a volume of truth. A room may acquire a restless appearance from inharmonious colors, too much bric-a-brac, and furniture that in this particular room could never become intimate, but if separated and distributed to various parts of the house would at once find companionship.

In the accompanying illustrations we observe that the keynote to repose and dignity is correct arrangement, usefulness, and an utter lack of extravagance. On still closer scrutiny it will be found that with few exceptions, all these furnishings may be worked out at only the cost of material. It only requires a little practical working knowledge, combined with incentive and patience.

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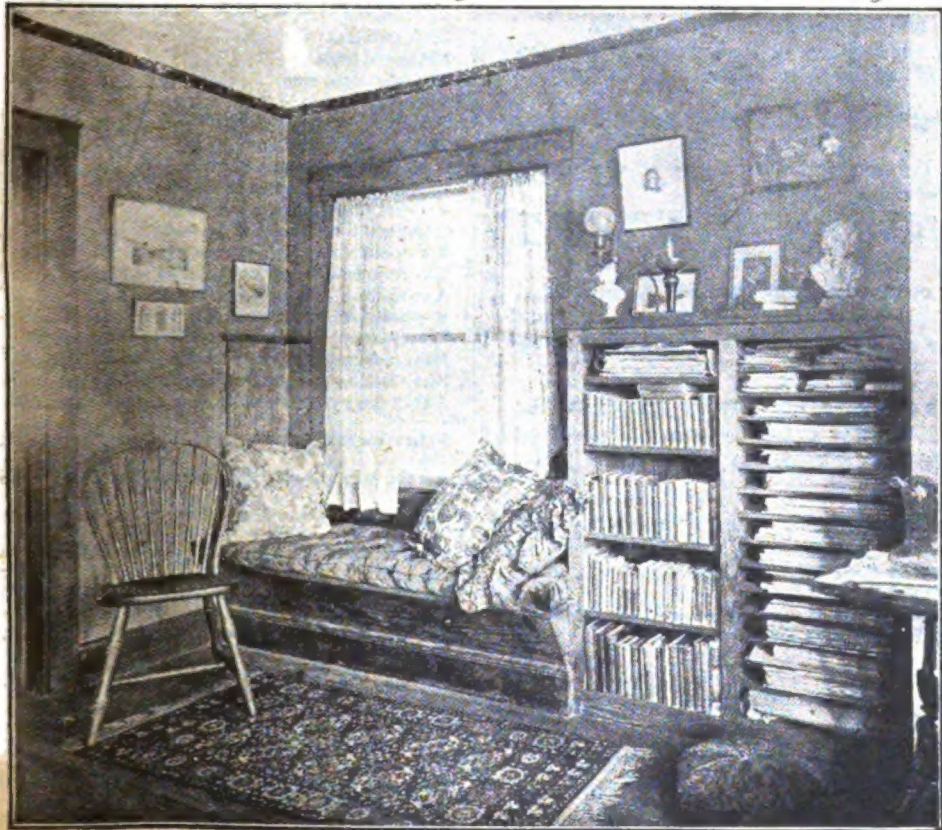
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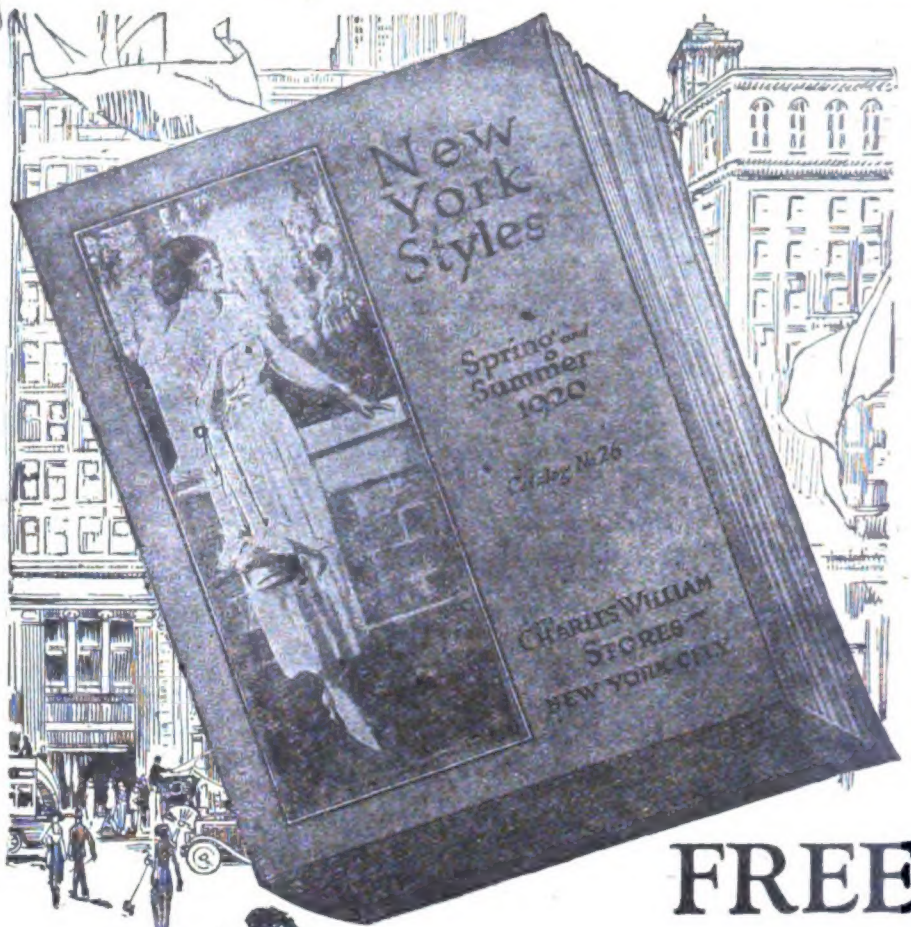
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Cubby Bear Plays "Follow My Fancy"

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"GOOD BY, Mamma Bruin," called Cubby Bear gaily, putting his head in at the door; "do not expect me home until night. We have a beautiful new game to play. Robbie Reddie has been telling us about it. It is 'Follow My Fancy,' and each player starts off in whatever direction he pleases, and does whatever he likes for the whole day; then at night they meet, and each tells the others what he has done. It will be great fun. Robbie Reddie, Shinyblack Crow, Dr. Squilly Porcupine, Wollie Woodchuck and I are to be the players."

Cubby ran out to where the others were waiting for him.

"One, two, three—and away!" cried Robbie Reddie, and they all started off.

Cubby Bear, after thinking a moment, went towards a hemlock thicket which he had long intended to explore. The lower branches of the hemlocks grew close to the ground, and it was hard work going through the thicket. Cubby struggled bravely, and succeeded in crawling and squirming his way through, although he got several scratches, and left a bit of his fur hanging here and there on the boughs. He sat down to rest for a little.

"I am glad he did it!" he exulted. "I do not like to give up when once I have started out to do a thing!"

The way was now easier, and he trotted briskly along, with courage high, ready for whatever adventures he might chance to meet.

"How dark it is growing!" he thought. "Night cannot be coming now—I know it did not take me all day to go through the hemlocks."

Soon the darkness lifted, and woods and sky took on a pinkish glow, as Cubby had seen it sometimes at the sunset hour, but brighter. The trees around him now were tall and straight, all graceful white birches. The ground beneath his paws was smooth and level, except that it sloped gently downward before him, and as he went along he stooped to pick flowers of such beauty and fragrance as he had never seen before.

At the foot of the slope he came to a shallow pond, a beautiful little sheet of water, which reflected the white birches on its banks, and little clouds that floated in the sky. On one foot, in the middle of the pond, stood a great bird, a crane, with grayish blue feathers, long of leg and neck. Cubby thought at first he had but the one leg, but later learned that he had two.

The crane unfolded one wing and waved it at Cubby Bear.

"You've come at last!" he called. "You were long enough about it!"

"Were—were you expecting me?" asked Cubby, in surprise.

"To be sure!" answered the bird. "Why else have we turned on all the pink lights, and swept and dusted the pond so carefully?"

"We—?" asked Cubby. "Are there others like you?"

"To be sure!" said the crane again. "Connie Crane, and Callow Crane, and Capery Crane, and Contrary Crane, and Clowny Crane, and Comical Crane, and Cabbie Crane, and Cackling Crane, and Calamity Crane, and Calendar Crane—and as many more as you like. I am Commodore Crane. Allow me to introduce myself. You may be Company Crane for today, if you like."

"Thank you, but I think I would rather be Cubby Bear," said Cubby hastily.

"Oh, just as you like—I shall take no offense—but how anyone can prefer to be a bear when he might just as well be a crane, is—well, it's unbelievable!"

Commodore Crane uncurred his hidden leg, and putting one claw in his bill, blew a long, loud whistle, so shrill that Cubby covered his ears.

"Did I deafen you?" asked the crane politely.

"I don't think so," answered Cubby. "At least, I heard your question."

"I'm glad of that," said the bird. "And yet, I don't know—it would be rather nice not to be able to hear when one was scolded, or told to do unpleasant things. What do you say—I can whistle much louder—would you like to try a little deafness, just in one ear, for instance?"

And again he put a claw in his bill.

"Oh, no! No, thank you!" cried Cubby.

"As you like," said the Commodore. "I always try to please. Ah, here they come! I was calling the rest of the family. We are all brothers and sisters."

Across the pond, a strange crowd came into view, long-legged cranes, so like one another that Cubby knew he could never tell them apart. In and out among the birches they twisted in fantastic procession mincing along on tiptoe, swaying their heads from side to side, raising and lowering their great wings.

"That's our famous Trippy-Toe March," explained the Commodore, as the cranes ranged themselves side by side at the edge of the pond. "Next, you shall see the Splish-Splash Drill. Attention—get your branches!"



CUBBY STARED, OPEN-MOUTHED WITH ASTONISHMENT.

"Right—left—forward—backward—large circles—small circles—somersaults—wave wings. Ah, well done! well done! Now form in a reception circle, and the guest of the day, Mr. Cubby Bear, shall be introduced to you."

Then the Commodore offered his wing to Cubby, who took it rather awkwardly, not being used to such ceremony, and led him out into the water, where the other cranes stood ready to receive him.

Cubby looked up, and there, sure enough, was a little pinkish cloud coming down to the pond. It covered Cubby with a pink mistiness which hid everything from his sight.

"That's enough," said the Commodore, after a few moments, during which Comical Crane giggled gleefully; "you shouldn't tease a visitor."

Then the cloud sailed away up into the sky, where it belonged.

"We'll show him a few tricks," said Clowny Crane, "since he won't do any for us."

"Not I!" declined Contrary Crane. "I was told I could have a holiday, and I'm off for a journey."

"Something unpleasant'll happen, sure as you go," warned Calamity Crane. "You mark my words."

"Oh, let him go!" interrupted Calendar Crane. "We'll keep today—he can't take that away from us—but he may take all next week with him if he likes. That would leave, let me see! that would leave twenty-two more days in the month, and that is quite long enough to suit me."

"All ready for the tower trick!" said Capery Crane. "Position, Cabbie!"

Cabbie Crane waded to the center of the pond, then stood up very straight, wings spread, feet firmly braced.

Connie Crane sprang upward, landing on Cabbie's back, and stood there, with wings outspread, also. Then Capery Crane flew up and stood upon Connie's back, and one after another all the cranes followed, until they formed a high tower, all standing motionless, with wings wide-spread.

Cubby Bear stared, open-mouthed, with astonishment. However could they balance themselves so perfectly?

Then the living tower bent toward him, and in a moment more, the cranes were all about him, and he put up his paws to shield his face from the flapping wings and waving claws.

The wings stirred the air like a rushing wind. The pink glow faded away like the sunset colors at twilight.

"Push him!"

"Hurry him!"

"Shove him!"

"Batter him!"

"Today's gone! Contrary Crane's week is beginning, he'll take the time away with him, and we can't have bears around! Get him away, quick!"

Poor Cubby, buffeted by strong wings and clutching claws, was hustled along, back up the flower-strewn slope of land, and into the hemlock thicket. After struggling once more through the close-growing branches, he hurried home, where he found Robbie Reddie and the others waiting for him.

"Now," said Robbie, "we will hear how each one 'Followed His Fancy.' You begin, Wollie."

Wollie Woodchuck grinned sheepishly.

"Why, I— I went back home, and went to sleep, and did not waken until sunset," he said. "Shinyblack Crow next."

"I spent the day as I have many another," said Shinyblack Crow. "I often 'Follow My Fancy.' I flew up far above the trees, then sailed away, and away, and away, over cities, and rivers, and forests. When the sun was straight overhead, I landed, had some dinner, and then flew back home again. It is grand exercise, up in the pure, sweet air and oh, such scenery! There is nothing to compare with it for those whose feet must be always on the ground. Now, Squilly, it is your turn."

"I had a good time," said Dr. Squilly Porcupine, "but I was working hard, too. My fancy led me toward the west, the direction the sun would take, but I had not gone far before I found a wounded partridge, moaning in great distress. He had broken a leg, a wing, and a rib. I spent most of the day setting the broken bones and putting on splints and bandages. After that, I found something for him to eat, and looked up one of his friends who promised to take care of him."

"A good day's work," said Robbie Reddie. "As for myself, I flew away to where a broad river flows smoothly on its way to the sea. Leaning out over the water was a great willow tree. I lighted on one of its swaying branches and sat there, singing and swinging, and watching the river, which reflected the trees and clouds. Oh, I was so happy there, I was sorry when the day was ended."

Then they looked at Cubby Bear, waiting for him to begin.

"I have had a strange, strange day!" he sighed. "I am afraid you will not believe me, but I will tell you as best I can."

They all listened with wondering faces.

When he ended his story, he leaned his head wearily on his paws.

"We were to tell the truth, you know," said Wollie.

Cubby was silent.

"You went through the hemlocks, and went straight on?" asked Shinyblack Crow.

"Yes."

"But there is no pond in that direction," said Shinyblack Crow. "I have flown over all this region enough to be sure of that. There is a large pond south of here. I will show you the way there some day; but there are no white birches near, and the water is deep."

Dr. Squilly rose and laid his paw on Cubby Bear's head.

"I am afraid he has a fever," he said to the others.

"More likely he went to sleep and dreamed it all," said Robbie Reddie. "What do you think about it, Cubby?"

"I do not know," answered Cubby sorrowfully.

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Crums of Comfort

Patience wins.
Listen and learn.
The mind is the man.
Let us make haste to live.
Be a friend to all mankind.
The pen has shaken nations.
Noblest minds are easiest bent.
Lips, however rosy, must be fed.
The best monument is a good name.
Literature is the tongue of the world.
The devil has had martyrs among men.
Too much forethought can make us unhappy.
A good library is a friend of a thousand years.
If nobody loves you, be sure it is your own fault.
True liberty is not liberty to do evil as well as good.
Many moments have passed, but few think of them.
Every face has lines and boundaries and is a map of life.
A little thing comforts us because a little thing afflicts us.
Nature has established laws, and it is our part to obey them.
It is the worst wheel of the wagon which makes the most noise.
We can learn wisdom from failure much more than from success.
Peace mangles no bodies, desolates no fields, and burns no towns.
Acquire habits of observation, for you live in a world of wonders.
The happiness of the people is the end and object of all true government.
He goes through the world the best who goes through it with a light heart.
The history of nations is but the history of the crimes and follies of men.
It concerns us materially that our neighbors should be as wise as ourselves.
Childhood itself is not more lovely than a cheerful, kindly, sunny old age.
Occupation was one of the pleasures of Eden, and we cannot be happy without it.
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We have recently printed a list containing hundreds of names of those of our League members who wish to correspond with one another. You should join the League for the principles it upholds; for the good it does, and if you want to make some sincere pen friend (as thousands have already done), that list will be sent you when you join the League.

I want to thank all those who did their best to make my Christmas a happy one, especially Mrs. Murdock of Barnes Corners, N. Y., who sent me a princely gift—four dozen new-laid eggs!!! As we have been paying a dollar twenty per dozen for eggs that had all the odor of a glue factory and which were laid thousands of years before Noah became the secretary Daniels of the world's first navy, and Eve had got wise to present-day lady's apparel by wearing a fig leaf, those eggs were a godsend. As soon as the news got wind that there were four dozen new-laid eggs in this house, I had to phone to police headquarters for a platoon of Irish cops to guard my treasure. I was almost in as tough a predicament as those who are hoarding whiskey. Burglars don't care about dollars any more, now that our degenerated currency has become about as valuable as stage money, but they break into homes where liquor is hoarded, murder the boozologist and sell their stolen liquor for incredible sums. There were three hundred murders committed in Chicago during the first eleven months of last year. In one day there were thirty-six hold-ups, twenty-eight automobile thefts, several pistol battles, numerous safe blowings, and one hundred and thirty criminals were arrested. You would have to arrest a hundred thousand of Chicago's crooks to make any impression on the criminals in that city. Sixteen boys, mostly foreigners, were also arrested and among these were eight murderers; so please do not wonder that I worried about my precious eggs.

I always thought that government operation of railroads, ownership and operation of natural resources would be the salvation of this nation, but, alas, that was when I did not know the kind of nation we had. As Billy the Goat says, we've got an abomination now, not a nation, and no one will do for the Government half what he will do for a private employer. Uncle Sam implores us to raise food, then permits his employees to destroy it. Some day I'm going down to Washington to see if some one hasn't swiped our dear old original Uncle Sam and camouflaged us with a Bolshevik fake that is running the country to hades.

A Red Ark sailed down from New York Bay the other day with two hundred and fifty wild-eyed anarchist firebrands aboard and hundreds more are to follow, so actually Uncle Sam must have a kick left in him, after all. Berkman and Goldman, the two notorious Russian Jew anarchists, were among the bunch. It has taken thirty years to get these troublemakers out of the country. If this bunch had been deported five years ago or even two years ago, half the trouble we are experiencing from these lunatics would have been avoided. When a patient is sick, or crazy, we send for the doctor or the authorities right away. Uncle Sam waits until his patient is dead or nearly dead and until the lunatics have torn his country to pieces. However, deporting a few hundred or a few thousand Bolsheviks won't stop the activities of these vermin in this country. As usual, we are cutting off a few poisonous leaves instead of uprooting the tree. We had to go to Germany to lick Germany. Deporting Boy-Ed and Von Papen didn't do the job, and if Democracy and civilization are to be saved someone will have to go to Russia and destroy Bolshevism just as we had to go to Europe to destroy Kaiserism. It's a tough job but it's got to be done unless the Reds become civilized and mend their ways. Russia has two Czar's now instead of one and a horde of Chinese mercenaries to shoot up those who fail to do the Jew Czar's biddings.

Billy the Goat says the late war was a war between a nation of waiters and a nation of cooks. Uncle Sam must be pro-German, for he is the world's champion waiter. Nations, like individuals, go crazy at times. Not all of our people, however, thank God, are crazy. Though the Allies and ourselves licked Germany, we lost the war, as you will find to your sorrow before many years have passed over your heads, unless, however, something good has come out of this war and that is the American Legion, which, next to COMFORT'S League of Cousins, is the greatest force for good this country has ever known. Just what the Legion is, what it stands for (and it stands for everything that is noble and glorious) I will tell you some other time. Thank God, however, we have got it, and if there are any of you boys who are entitled to get into it and have not done so, for God's sake hustle up and join its ranks, for it has the only ranks that can down the cranks.

A. A. Ossendoffsky has carefully estimated that the ravages of Bolshevism have cost Russia 12,280,000 lives, and this murder fest is still running strong and likely to continue. That high-browed, visionless visionary, Raymond Robbins, the gentleman with the outdoor mind and the indoor delusions, could walk from one end of Russia to the other without seeing a single corpse. I have lived in Russia and have been surrounded by a quarter of a million Russians for years, and I think I know more about that people, or one branch of it than the gentleman in question will ever know. I've had these gentry with gleaming eyes and glistening teeth poke their faces into mine and say, "We must have a revolution and we can't have it without blood."

And yet these were all prosperous men with fine homes and everything a human being could reasonably desire. Nevertheless, they want to turn society upside down. They have got the money, now they want the power, and their greed for both these commodities is insatiable. When the orthodox Jew throws overboard the faith of his fathers and becomes infected with revolutionary ideas, he is more dangerous than a safety razor factory, and our immigration authorities should see that none of his kind get into this country, for it is they who have done more than all the rest of the world put together to spread poisonous doctrines and to raise general hades. Berkman, Goldman, Rose Pastor Stokes, Victor Berger (an Austrian Jew, according to the New York Tribune), Bela Kun, Kurt Eisner, Liebnicht, Trotsky and a huge majority of the Bolshevik officials, are Jews. Maximilian Harden, the famous journalist, himself a Jew, had to publicly rebuke members of his own race for grabbing all the political jobs during the German upheaval. The result is a wave of anti-Semitism in Germany. God knows, I wish these fearful pogroms could be stopped, but it is the apostate, revolutionary Jew who has brought these fearful visitations upon the heads of his reputable and law-abiding brother.

There is plenty of food in Russia and almost up to the gates of Vienna, but the farmers have hidden it or won't part with it. They want real values: clothes, shoes, implements, groceries, in return for their produce, and not stage money. The world is being flooded with stage money. Every country, including this, is loaded with it, thanks to the war. We can't eat or clothe ourselves with dirty paper, and, by the way, paper is getting so dear we soon won't be able to get any of that. Don't howl at high prices; they are not high prices, they are just high foolishness. It is commodities we want. Some people get a lot of satisfaction out of seeing a dog chasing its tail, though that performance never amused me. Society is doing that very thing today, chasing its tail, and revolving in a vicious circle that will get it nowhere. Thousands of political pill doctors (and we shall probably have old Doc Bryan among the bunch) are ready to solve all our troubles if we will only swallow their dope. Take my advice and avoid the political fakes. Swallowing wood alcohol labeled whiskey only killed thirty-eight persons within a radius of a few miles in Massachusetts the other day. Those it does not kill it blinds. That's what Bolshevism does. We are still suffering from the effects of a terrific storm and instead of letting the captain on the bridge run the ship and keep us off the rocks, we are all indulging in a fierce wild jazz, an orgy of extravagance, stupidity, crime, murder and everything else that is devilish. Every one thinks he can run the ship better than the captain. Every one wants to try a new course, though the fog is so dense he can't see an inch ahead. Keep your heads, say your prayers, hold on to the old faith; a middle-of-the-road policy that is neither dangerously radical nor stupidly reactionary, neither Bolshevik nor Bourbon, is the only policy that can help us weather the storm, and, above all, look out for the pacifists and the gang who were pro-Germans before the war, for they are still singing Deutschland over the Allies and over Uncle Sam. Milwaukee has seceded from the Union. The Kaiser raised hell, and once hell is raised it takes a long time for things to quiet down. When the patient is on the operating table and the surgeon is using the knife, don't turn out the light or jab the surgeon's arm or you will kill the patient. Just be prayerful and patient and trust in God for the rest. But remember, we shan't pull through by merely sitting still. You must fight every force of evil about you, and the forces of evil were never so strong as at present. Don't do the foolish virgin act and go to sleep with your lamps unlit. Fill the lamp of faith and keep vigilant watch for the rascals who would overturn this Republic, and keep ever handy a heart full of compassion and a helpful dollar for the nations of the earth who have been stricken into the dust.

P. S. We are a million cattle short and it will take years to bring our beef supply up to normal. That means high prices of beef for many a long day. Kicking won't grow cattle, only time, money and hard work will accomplish that or anything else that mad fools think can be achieved by theorizing, dreaming and agitating. Don't forget that Uncle Charlie's four wonderful books may still be had. Start in at once to obtain them—they cost you no money, only a very little time and effort—and keep at it until you have the entire set. The book of Poems is beautifully bound in ribbed silk stiff covers; the Story Book is bound in two styles, the one in ribbed silk stiff covers like the Poems, the other in paper covers; the Song Book is bound only in heavy paper covers, and the Picture Book in handsome paper covers. Poems or the Story Book in ribbed silk covers, either one for a club of three subscriptions; the Song Book or the Picture Book in pretty stiff covers for a club of only two subscriptions. These four books are a library of endless joy and merriment, the best medicine to drive away the blues and the best gifts in the world.

My Picture Book, too, has started a deluge of inquiries: Is Billy the Goat my daughter? Is Maria her ma? Is there an Aunt Charlie? Is the big boy in the Picture Book my only baby? I have had a little leaflet specially printed answering all these questions fully, and those who are interested will find the same in every copy of the four Uncle Charlie books sent out this season.

Now for the letters.

WASHINGTON, 730 Seventh St., N. E., D. C.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

Five years ago you were my idol and my ideal, but now you are shattered and fallen, since you have started your songs of hate and your praise and advocacy of the same militarism that we went to Germany to crush. I don't see how you could forsake your doctrine of the universal brotherhood of man. God knows I hate the German military caste and system and that is why I don't want such things in this country, but I can't believe that the German working masses were in sympathy with their war lord's war of aggression, and therefore I do not and cannot hate the German masses. May I ask just what kind of militarism you advocate in this country? I know you

would not agree with me that it is the German brand, but what is the difference? Let us avoid in this country what we killed in the Central Powers.

FRANKLIN BEST.

Franklin, I have never advocated militarism for this or any country. Militarism is a disease and a menace and only a German mind could fail to note the difference between the hideous war machine which the Kaiser created and with which he terrorized Europe and the world at large for thirty years, and the puny forces this country has been in the habit of keeping under arms. To compare any kind of military training for the protection of our land with that of the Kaiser's murder machine, is an insult to a country that has looked to the ocean for its protection and to God Almighty to do for it what it had not sense to do for itself. What I advocated in the November issue of COMFORT are things which are absolutely necessary for the protection and the welfare and physical and spiritual needs of the rising generation. If you can find a trace of militarism in that article you are the type of man who could discover moral degeneracy in an unborn babe. We did not kill militarism in Germany, we merely helped to can it temporarily, then hiked home, leaving the Allies sitting disconsolately on the lid, which sooner or later will be again blown off and the old murder-fest will be begun all over again. I have never forsaken my ideals of universal brotherhood. If I did, I would feel that I was guilty of demolishing the corner stone of that Christianity on which rests all our hopes. In the January issue of COMFORT you will note that I asserted that nationalism is our stay but universal fraternity is our hope. To have brotherhood among men, however, we must first have justice and mete out punishment to the guilty. Germany has put the hands of the clock of brotherhood and idealism back a couple of centuries or more with her poison gas, her submarines, Zeppelins, Big Berthas and other forms of fiendishness which only devils could devise and fiends incarnate use. She has torn the bowels out of Europe, pulled down the pillars of civilization, made the world a graveyard, loaded humanity with debt and crushed it with despair and transformed the entire earth into one vast bughouse, filled with anarchy and madness. Only a united Germany, dazzled by a dream of world conquest, plunder and loot, could have dragged the world into such an abyss as Germany has done. In spite of this, you have the nerve to ask me to take the German people who accomplished this hideous thing and who are utterly unrepentant and unregenerate, and whose hands are stained with the blood of millions of victims, to my breast, kiss them and slobber over them and forgive and forget the horrors they have wrought. If universal brotherhood is ever to come, it cannot come by condoning crime, but by punishing it. Let Germany repent in sackcloth and ashes and let the Germans in this country who uphold Germany and glory in her criminal acts, do the same thing. Those who tried to start German opera recently in this city were mobbed. Kriesler, the great violinist, was refused a hearing. Infuriated citizens have declined to permit the sale of German dolls. This shows the temper of our people. Their wounds are too sore, their hearts too full of grief to stand anything German for the present at least, and while their heads are bowed with anguish over their dead, every German or German sympathizer should have the decency at least to keep silent, but instead they send a German sympathizer backed by thousands of pro-Kaiser votes to Congress—an impudent challenge! The President, when speaking in the Northwest, was forced to draw our attention to the fact that the German menace in this country was raising its head again. Good, honest Americans of German blood should try and put some sense into those German-speaking colonists who refuse to

become absorbed, and who, though they have their bodies and bank books here, have their hearts on the Rhine. Franklin, I notice that I ceased to be your idol five years ago when the war broke out and I warned COMFORT readers of the German menace. That shows pretty conclusively where your sympathies lie. As a step towards helping Uncle Sam and the country which gives you your bread and butter, let me advise you not to use the stationery of the Treasury Department, which is Uncle Sam's property, for your private correspondence. Let William Hohenzollern supply you with stationery free from now on. If I am shattered and fallen, I at least did not fall into the Kaiser's arms. Uncle Sam is still behind Uncle Charlie, and he's the only Uncle I give a darn for.

MAX, NEBR.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I agree with you about the aliens and compulsory military training. I am almost of age to go to train and I would go, oh, so gladly, and I also believe almost every boy in the country today would go, too, except the rowdies, rough necks, American haters and the spineless scum of the gutters. I believe all our bright worth-while boys would welcome the chance to train. I would like for some young boys and girls to write to me. I was a little too young to go to the front in this war but say I sure would like to have gone. Keep up your good work, Uncle Charlie.

Your loving nephew, O. B. DOAK (JACK).

Jack, if I have got your name twisted, don't blame me, that is your fault. Strange that so many people, even among the well educated, will not write their own names legibly. Half the addresses we have to guess at. When my box of letters comes down from COMFORT, I find half the contents of the box are from perfectly dear people who think right, do right and live right. They are just fine, level-headed, lovable folks. The balance of the letters are from people, all of whom have got a different bug, religious fanatics, Bolsheviks, soreheads, cranks, and nuts who never agree with anything or anybody, including themselves. Nothing is right, nothing satisfies them. Ignorance, stupidity, bigotry, hate, narrow mindedness, Illog-Americanism and everything mean and contemptible, irrational and impractical, bobs up in the pages of these letters. It is a terrible task to construct a worth-while world, even with good human material, but when you have to build a universe that will suit every old fanatic, what are you going to do? You have an impossible task. You must catch the human animal when he is young, catch him before his plastic brain has absorbed any crazyisms, either religious, political or economic, if you are going to do anything with him. That's a hard task but it will have to be done and will be done some day, for, though we invite differences of opinion, we do not want to breed hordes of zealots, freaks and fanatics. First of all, we must have a country, and you can't have a country unless you keep it secure from foes within and foes without, and peopled by a race that is in agreement on certain fundamental principles of honor, truth and decency. It logically follows, then, that we must have military training along democratic lines. If we wish to have a country, for a country that cannot protect itself will not long exist. To have a nation, we must have healthy bodies and healthy minds. So take the boys, and the girls, too, if you can, out in the country for a few months every year and teach them a trade so they can be millionaire bricklayers instead of starving poets and bookkeepers. The American Legion has mapped out a plan along these lines and I am behind it and Jack Doak is with me, and so is every other boy who is a real hundred per cent, red-blooded, honest-to-God American. Mr. Franklin Best, whose letter precedes this, can study Jack Doak's letter to advantage. We can struggle along very nicely with the Jack Doaks, but the Lord knows

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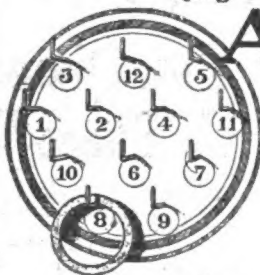
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An Evening's Sport Ring Toss

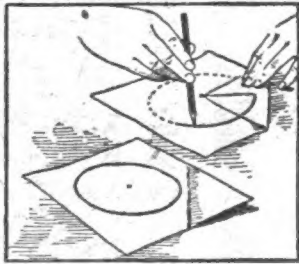


HANG THE BOARD
ON THE WALL.

to hang the board on the wall. The game is to toss the rubbers over the hooks, and each player has a "turn" with six rubbers. Add the numbers beneath the hooks on which the rubbers have caught. The player making the highest addition wins the game.

Dot in the Circle Trick

It is very mystifying to say a circle can be drawn with a dot in the center and no connecting line without lifting the pencil from the paper, yet it is true. First fold one corner of a square piece of paper so that the corner will come exactly to the center of the paper. At this point make the dot, and then without lifting the pencil, run it up the turned-over corner a short way and begin to draw the circle. When the opposite side of turned-over corner is reached, turn it to place and finish the circle.



DOING THE TRICK.

Egg in the Bottle Trick

You can surprise your friends by showing them an egg in a bottle the mouth of which is smaller than the egg. This appears quite impossible, when in fact it is a very simple trick. Soak an egg in strong vinegar until the shell becomes pliable; then it can be slipped into the bottle. Fill the bottle with cold water, allowing it to remain until the egg-shell becomes hard again.



LARGE EGG IN BOTTLE.



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"L" OUEEZY.

"Huh?"
"Get out from under there. I'm going to pitch down these here quilts. They're wet as sop."

The girl addressed laid her cord comfortably on the tight rolls of curl papers which adorned her flaxen head. She reluctantly removed her feet from the oven in which they were toasting, rose, stretched, yawned, and moved with indolent grace to the small, many-paned window.

There was a sound of brisk tramping back and forth over the planks which formed the floor of the loft overhead, and, one after another, sodden quilts were flung through the opening in the ceiling of the kitchen to the floor beneath. They were heavy quilts made from men's pants cloth and lined with thick outing flannel. Finally the deluge ceased, and a woman descended the ladder which formed the stairway to the loft.

She was a distinct contrast to her sister, in movement as well as appearance; little, with dark eyes, and black hair drawn smoothly away from her face into a large knot at the back of her head. She pounced on the wet mass of bedding like an energetic robin after a worm, and carried the heavy quilts, one after another, out of the house and hung them on a line in the sun.

On her trips back and forth through the kitchen she spluttered to her sister. This makes three times this week I've lugged these things out to dry. I declare to goodness, if I could get hold of any money, I'd buy the shingles and fix the roof myself. It wouldn't be a mite harder work than tugging these heavy quilts out and in."

When she had finished she dropped into a chair, flushed and breathless. "I declare, I'm plumb beat out," she panted. "I wish you would ask pa to fix that roof, Louezy. He might do it if you would ask him. Will you?"

Her sister did not look up. "No," she snapped. "I won't. I want a new dress, and I can't get money out of him for both. Let the roof leak. I should worry."

"You wouldn't say that if you had to carry them heavy comfortable around, and what you want with a new dress beats me. You just got one, and land knows your clothes are a sight better than mine now."

"What does an old maid like you want of clothes anyway? You never go nowhere," Louise retorted. Laying her work down, she gazed curiously at her sister. "Did you ever have a beau, Mandy, or was you born an old maid?" she asked mockingly.

The elder woman's face flushed darkly and her work-hardened fingers picked nervously at her apron. "I'm not so old, Louezy," she said depreciatingly. "Thirty ain't old, and, as for fellows, I had some, too, when I was twenty or thereabouts, but when they found I wouldn't marry and leave pa and you kids to get along alone, they quit coming. You see I was only fifteen when ma died and you was five. When I was at the courting age you was too young to take care of four men folks so I just naturally had to stay."

"I wouldn't of, not for nobody," Louise retorted. "What thanks did you ever get?"

"Maybe I was foolish, but I would never of felt right about it if I had gone, so I guess it was all for the best. Seems like I wouldn't mind it so much, if pa was only like the other farmers around here. They have nice houses, and the women seem to have real good times. They have washing machines, oil stoves, linoleums on their kitchen floors, and lace curtains to their windows. Some of them have parlor organs and Mrs. Best has even got a talking machine, and her man hasn't got so much land as pa has. Pa is so set in his ways," she continued with a sigh. "He calls all them things newfangled contraptions and says we shan't spend his hard-earned money that way. We haven't got nothing but leaky roofs and saggy doors."

"He is stingy, that's what ails him," Louise asserted. "Well, I don't care whether he fixes things up or not. All I am aiming to do is to get married and get away from here, and I expect to do that before long," she added with a meaning glance at her sister.

"Who are you going to marry?" Mandy asked with a queer sinking sensation at the pit of her stomach.

"Joe Fifield," Louise answered, and then continued, half apologetically. "Course I know he is fifteen years older than me, but he has got a good farm with a nice house on it."

"I thought you always said you wouldn't live on a farm," Mandy interrupted hopefully.

"No more I won't either but as I was sayin' he has got a good farm that will bring in lots of money. I'll make him sell it and then I'll live in the village, have silk dresses, and go to the movies every day if I want to."

"You'd never get Joe to sell his farm. He thinks a pile of it, and he likes farming." Her tone was unmistakably triumphant.

"Oh, yes he would. I wouldn't give him a minute's peace until he did," Louise answered confidently.

"Has he asked you yet?" Mandy's breath hung on the answer.

"Well no, not exactly, but he has hinted some about being lonesome since his ma died and he said he guessed he'd have to get him a wife. I told him though," she concluded mischievously, "that no one need come courting around here unless he had an auto."

"An auto," the elder sister replied in an awed voice.

"Yes, an auto," Louise mimicked. "What did he say?"

"He said, 'What if a fellow hasn't got the money to buy one?' and I said, 'Let him get it then.' He's going to, too," she concluded triumphantly. "He started peddling rags, as soon as he finished his summer's work,—about a month ago."

"Peddling rags. Well I should think he would be ashamed of himself. Rag peddling is no job for an able-bodied man, unless he is a furrier."

"Oh, you are way behind the times," Louise sniffed impatiently. There is money in junk now, since the war began, and it ain't no disgrace

either. Ladies' Aid Societies and school children all over are collecting papers and stuff and selling them."

Mandy usually had nothing to say in criticism of her sister's idle ways, as she had long since learned that talking did no good, but this morning as she went about her work in the small lean-to that served as kitchen and dining-room, as well as cloak room for the four men, she regarded her impatiently.

"Seems to me," she remarked at last, "you might better be learning how to do housework if you intend to get married. Crochet work won't feed a man, and you can't boil water without burning it."

"No, thanks," Louise retorted airily. "If I learn how, I'll have to do it."

Mandy did not answer, but took the broom and dustpan and began to tidy the living-room and bedrooms. The bedrooms were merely the space occupied by two cheap pine bedsteads set with their tall headboards together. They were wedged tightly into one end of the living-room, and partitioned from the rest of the room by turkey-red print drapes. Privacy between the two bedrooms was insured by tacking the drapes to the headboards of the beds. The floor of the living-room was of soft knotty pine and so worn down between the knots by frequent scrubbing that it was as rough as a newly ploughed field. The furniture was cheap, scanty and old.

Mandy was accustomed to all these things, but this morning they seemed to irritate her. Perhaps the heavy quilts had made her back ache a little more than usual. Perhaps Louise's taunt about being an old maid rankled more than her careless unkind speeches usually did. At any rate, she felt out of sorts. Perhaps the falling leaves and the chill autumn breeze blowing in at the open window, and rattling the green paper shades, had something to do with her loneliness and discontent. She went to the small, low, west window and stood looking down the road. The road was really nothing but a lane as it ended at their house. There was no travel past their farm as almost every one turned either north or south at the crossroads, a quarter of a mile away.

When Mandy was very young, she had dreamed of the time some one would come down that road and take her away from the dreary life she led into a happier one. She had never heard of that young Lochinvar who came out of the west, but in her own crude way she expected him. When he finally did come in the person of young Joe Fifield, a farmer lad, she had had to refuse to go with him on account of the motherless brood dependent on her for care.

He had been hurt, had chosen to believe that she did not care for him, and had gone away. She had not seen him again for almost ten years, until he had called a few weeks before, and had been appropriated by Louise as her special property.

"Seems as if I wouldn't care quite so much, if Louezy would only try to learn how to take care of him when she gets him," Mandy thought, but her heart was rebellious.

One evening about a month later as Joe was expected, the girls changed their dresses, Mandy to a blue gingham, and Louise to a gaudy purple cotton foulard. The boys, three stolid, stupid, overgrown hulks of manhood, came in, in the overalls they had worn all day. Their only concession to the niceties of life was the removal of their heavy cowhide boots disclosing to view thick white socks much darned as to heels and toes, and with brown, stained soles.

The old farmer was still fumbling around out in the kitchen for his tobacco and pipe, when Joe arrived. Louise, who was arranging her frizzed bangs and side curls before a cracked mirror, rushed to open the door and ushered him in with many coy glances and smirking smiles. He was a tall, broad-shouldered, sun-burned man, every line of his body bespeaking strength and energy.

"Hello, Joe, how's the rag business?" was his greeting from the boys.

"Fine, couldn't be better," he answered with a nod at Mandy, who was sewing on a brightly-colored quilt which was spread across her knees.

"What's that you're making, Mandy?" he asked, when his new business, the weather, and crops and livestock had been thoroughly discussed.

"It's just one of her everlasting quilts," Louise interrupted. "She is always making them. That one has over a thousand pieces in it and some of them ain't any bigger than my thumbnail."

She gave a malicious flirt of her pretty white hand, and effectually drew his attention away from Mandy for the moment. His eyes went from the brown, toil-hardened hands holding the needle to the soft white ones busied with the flying crochet hook.

Just then Mr. McNut came in. He was an undersized, wizened man with long white hair, and a tobacco-stained beard. His little bleared blue eyes lit up with curiosity.

"Howdy, Joe," he cackled. "Which one of the gals be you sparkin'?"

"Both of them, Mr. McNut, both of them," said Joe, a smile lighting up his plain face. The old man was a type of farmer almost extinct. He was an ignorant, narrow-minded man, looked down upon when not entirely ignored by his more progressive neighbors. Joe himself was recognized and respected as a thrifty, up-to-date farmer, although not a wealthy one by any means.

His jest was greeted by the boys and their father with uproarious merriment, and Louise also found food for much laughter and blushing.

"Oh, pa," she giggled. "You know Mandy is too old to have a beau."

Mandy looked keenly at Joe, her busy needle idle for a moment. He was looking at Louise. Her pretty, swiftly-moving hands seemed to fascinate him. The curve of her soft cheek was alluring, for the lamplight did not reveal the sallowness of her skin but shone on her frizzed curls, making an aureole of them. She was undeniably pretty, and Mandy knew that, in spite of the fact that "Handsome is as handsome does, and Beauty is only skin deep," it is beauty of face and not of disposition that shows when one is young, and Louise was young. Mandy stifled a sigh and went back to her work.

She was startled into idleness again in a few moments, however, by her sister's bold question,

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AN ATTIC CHAMBER.

Making a House a Home

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The corner case, together with the complete scheme of furnishings, is very simple of construction. There are three shelves, deep enough to hold good-sized books, the top one being within reaching distance without the aid of a stool. The upper and middle shelves are kept from sagging by supports at ends and corners and midway between, and on one side, where the books are particularly heavy, another strip holds the three shelves securely. Over the books on either side, hung from the moulding, are framed imitation prints; one of woods and water, the other a boat scene, while the wall space beneath the first shelf is devoted to photographs of dear friends whose faces remind us of events in much the same way as do the titles of the books above.

A deep-seated couch provides comfortable lounging quarters in this retired corner, and at the foot is a pretty table, a home-made affair, convenient for the children's school books. Of great interest is the antique sewing table at the head of couch, and the air of refinement it lends with its cover of old-fashioned fllet and vase of flowers.

A very different, yet equally desirable plan has been worked out in the second arrangement where one side of the bookcase forms an end to the window-seat, made deep enough to serve as a couch. A thick cushion and pillows give an air of luxury and comfort, and the whole effect adds materially to the furnishings of the room. The bookcase is built sufficiently deep to hold magazines and sheet music, and has a partition through the center. This depth allows room for two rows of books on each shelf, the back rows to be filled with books the least used. A further library effect is gained by placing a bust of Lincoln and to sleep in and not an abiding place for odd

pictures above. A chair of old-fashioned type, and a velvety rug in a two-toned Oriental pattern adds the correct touches to this corner.

Chamber Interiors

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AN ENGLISH SIDEBBOARD.

on chamber furnishings. The very word "bed-room" suggests rest; a place in which we can hide away from all that is disquieting. Therefore let its surroundings express simplicity, individuality and usefulness, doing away with anything that is not pleasing to look at, or suggests a lack of repose. For the foregoing reasons, I have selected these two illustrated chamber interiors as a guide, their possibilities being quite out of the ordinary for the use of favorite colors, the opportunity to utilize materials on hand, and for personal expression.

The first suggests a veritable place of refuge, in the attic, away from intrusion. The beamed ceilings and sheathed walls are stained the softest shade of moss green. The floor has been treated the same, only the shade is much deeper. The rug is of log-cabin weave in shades of soft green alternating with stripes of white. A recessed window forms an alcove which has been well utilized. In the corner is a washstand patterned after an old-fashioned design, and it holds only necessary toilet articles. Under the window ledge is a towel rod made from a piece of broom handle let into wooden brackets. In the opposite corner is a chest of three drawers, cushioned attractively by covering an old, folded blanket. A pillow nestled into the corner completes a comfortable window-seat.

The chiffonier is a framework with solid top and open front. For drawers, cretonne-covered, heavy pasteboard boxes are used, and these rest on light runs which extend across the four sides. Overhead, to the side, is a large utility box covered to match the chiffonier. For pleasing ornamentation we observe a few books by favorite authors, a candlestick given by a dear friend, and photographs of beloved faces.

Curtains used as a protection for chamber garments are also decorative against the plain wall. A stocking bag and an hour-glass table suggest quiet hours spent in sewing in this retreat. All the cretonne is alike; a pale pink ground with a floral design of soft gray, and in perfect harmony with the moss-green walls.

The other bedroom illustration gives a glimpse of a young girl's chamber, where sweet simplicity is the dominating feature. Done in sun-fast rosebud calico, the effect is of something far more expensive. Clever hands have made cardboard photograph frames and covered them with calico, and with like ingenuity covered and ruffled a shelf to use as a dressing table, and covered a chair with calico as well. The background for all this is a two-toned light gray paper, woodwork of white and a large art rug of matting.

A Wall Closet

Utilizing space and saving steps by having things within easy distances is the key to modern arrangements. If your house boasts of one or more closets built into the wall, I need not tell you of their convenience; you already know. But if it does not, your plan of arrangement is lacking a strong point. A wall closet for medicines out of reach of the children is indispensable, and wherever the want of a closet is felt with no possible way of building one, utilizing the thickness of the wall will answer many a purpose. In building a new house, where there is a "jog" quite frequently a wall timber can be cut without weakening the wall. This gives opportunity for a deeper closet.

The illustration shows a jog the depth of a fireplace, the end of which is utilized for a deep wall closet with the upper two thirds finished with open shelves, while the lower third has a door.

Usually these closets have the same finish given the doors and windows in the same room.

An English Sideboard

Old, yet ever new and desirable, is this old English type of sideboard in which simplicity and beauty have been well combined. More than this, its popularity will never wane so long as the housewife delights in displaying her collection of pretty, interesting and curious china, pottery, pewter and glassware, which I predict and hope will ever be, for it is in keeping with the best traditions of home making. The illustration shows how large a display can be made without any appearance of crowding.

Just as the early ones were hand made, so today is this type being copied by the "man at home" who knows how to make straight edges, square corners, can "join", put in a drawer and hang a door. The sideboard is made by first constructing a table with two deep drawers that extend the entire length. A back, the desired height, is put on with ends set in a little from the edge of table. On this is the top shelf, which should extend a little over the ends and front edge. A shelf running the entire length is put in a little over one third the distance from table top. There is a closet at each end between the top and lower shelf, made by partitions, and doors the full size of opening. A short shelf between the closets completes the sideboard.

Two old leather-covered trunks are kept under the sideboard. The larger one is used for table linen. Trays have been put into the smaller one, making it an ideal silver chest. These antique trunks and the sideboard are of about the same period.

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Driven Apart

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"Not until a few moments ago." "I left you at Sunset Ranch, and now we meet in this desolated city! I cannot understand it." An inscrutable smile played about Irma's lips. "I followed Berdine and his lawyer hireling," she murmured, and was on the same train that brought them to San Francisco, although they had no knowledge of it. They evaded me at the Townsend Street station, and I had gone to the Palace Hotel, where Berdine usually stays when in the city. He was not there. I had no more than learned this when the shock came, and I was thrown out in the street, with all the other guests. Since then," she added, "I have been a wanderer."

"A little while ago I chanced to see Trenwyck in Portsmouth Square."

"Trenwyck?" queried Beryl.

"The man who brought you here," explained Irma.

"He told me his name was Percival?" "He will tell you anything that best suits his purpose. As I was saying, I saw him, and I followed him in the hope that he would lead me to Berdine. But he did not. To my astonishment, he met the man Gorsline, talked with him a little, and then I was dumbfounded to see him approach the Stevenson Memorial and address you. I thought there was something wrong, and, when you and he left the square, I followed you."

"Waiting and listening at the side of the house, I was not long in discovering that you had been brought to this room and made a prisoner. After the door closed, and I knew your jailer was gone, I came in through the wrecked window."

"You brought me joy and hope when you came to me before," said Beryl, with a quivering lip, "and now you bring me liberty—release from one whom I would rather die than meet again!"

"I am your friend in need, Miss Grayson," said Irma, "and yet I cannot call myself your friend. What I do is because of my love for Nicholas Berdine, and because I would see that you are removed from his power forever." Her eyes flashed and her bosom heaved with its pent-up emotions. "And now tell me," she went on, with feverish eagerness, "are you the bride of Neil Preston?"

"Yes," answered the wretched girl, with brimming eyes, "but I fear that—that he is dead!" "Hush!" cautioned the woman. "You must not give way to your grief here. One lurks beyond that door who is capable of anything. Do you feel well enough to leave this house? Are you able to walk?"

"Indeed, I am strong—stronger than you think!"

"Then come with me. We will get away from here before Gorsline discovers that you have been released. Trenwyck has left the place. Neither he nor Gorsline knows where to find Berdine, yet the lawyer is even now looking for him among the crowds of fugitives. Amid such confusion as reigns in this city at present, it is labor wasted to try to find anyone."

"It seems a providence," said Beryl, "that you were able to find me."

Irma, climbing to the sill of the window opening, leaped lightly to the ground, and immediately assisted Beryl to descend beside her. Then they fled into the street.

It was like balm to the stricken Beryl's wounded heart to find one who, while not claiming to be even a friend, was yet to be trusted. She yielded herself entirely into Irma's hands and permitted her to be the guide.

Irma Lee seemed to know exactly where she should go. Without a moment's hesitation, she struck out boldly through the torn and broken streets.

"Tell me what happened to you," she said, as they hurried along.

In breathless and broken sentences Beryl told of her flight from Sunset Ranch with her sweetheart and her dear friend, the Mexican; told of the arrival in San Francisco, of the marriage at the rectory, of the earthquake, the wicked work of Berdine when Neil was stricken down, and of her escape and her miserable wanderings.

A strange, wild joy glowed in Irma's face when she learned that the earthquake had come after the wedding ceremony, and jealous hate took the place of exultation when Beryl narrated how Berdine had spirited her away in the automobile. The conclusion of the sad story left Irma thoughtful and silent.

"It cannot be," said she, "that your husband is dead. If he had been, you would have found him lying in that room where he was stricken down. In the awful events of the day, the maimed and injured have claimed the attention of the authorities, and there was no time to look after the bodies of those who lost their lives."

Beryl had grasped at so many straws of hope, only to have them break in her hands, that she hesitated to draw courage from Irma's reassuring words. Yet, if her dear one had passed out of her life forever, she knew that she could not live. Out of her terrible ordeal black despair was rising and gaining the mastery over her.

"Mr. Preston," went on Irma, seeing how loath Beryl was to be beguiled by false hopes, "must have recovered and gone forth to search for you. No doubt, he was merely stunned by the falling masonry, and left the minister's house very soon after you did. I know something about him, Miss Grayson, and you may rest assured that he will move heaven and earth to find you."

Beryl made no answer, but her overburdened heart found relief in tears.

"You know, do you not," proceeded Irma, "that Mr. Preston has a cousin living on Nob Hill?" "Neil told me that," replied Beryl, "a long, long time ago. But I could not go to any of Neil's people," she added, with a touch of pride.

No need for Irma Lee to ask why. All aristocratic Denver had heard of Neil Preston's love affair, and knew that his purse-proud people looked upon it with disfavor. All Denver knew, too, that Neil had remained loyal to his heart's choice, had broken with his relatives, and had declared that he would make his own way in the world hand-in-hand with Beryl.

"I believe I understand the sentiment that animates you," said Irma, "but I think it a mistaken sentiment at this time. Would not Mr. Preston think that, in this direful emergency, you would go to his cousin's for news of him? And would he not be likely to go there for news of you? Nob Hill is yet safe, and most of the houses are habitable. Perchance some of Neil's people are still there, for it is difficult to leave the city today. If you will be advised by me, Miss Grayson, you will put away your pride and go to the home of Neil's cousin."

"I cannot, I cannot!" answered Beryl, clenching her small hands tightly. "If my darling lives, he will find me; I will wait and pray for him to come."

That a girl, tried as Beryl had been, should still have so much spirit aroused Irma Lee's admiration.

"Very well," Irma replied. "I am taking you to Russian Hill, where some refugee friends of mine have pitched their camp. I know they will shelter you and protect you. Meanwhile," she added determinedly, "I shall continue my search for the man who would prove false to me; I am thoroughly familiar with the city, and believe that I shall be successful. It may chance, too, that I shall find your husband; so, if you will remain on Russian Hill, it is possible

I may be able to send him there."

"Heaven will repay you for your kindness to a poor, forlorn girl, Miss Lee," returned Beryl. A hard look crossed the fading beauty of Irma Lee's face.

"I ask nothing of Heaven," said she, harshly, "but to bring me face to face with the man who would cast me aside for one who loathes and abhors him."

So the jealous, revengeful woman and the beautiful and sorrow-stricken girl continued on their way up the steep slope to the very crest of Russian Hill. Alas, if Beryl had only known that every step she was taking merely carried her farther and farther from the man she loved!

Yet it is often thus with our most cherished desires. Fate, at times, indulges in a strange play of cross-purposes.

CHAPTER XX.

THE STRANDED VAN.

The experiences which would usually come to a person only in the course of many years were passed through by many thousands of individuals on that one day which opened this tragic San Francisco drama. And in the three fiery days which marked the city's ordeal the events of an ordinary lifetime were crowded. The first shock, the crunching, groaning and shattering upheaval which disrupted buildings, broke the water mains, and released the fire demon, lasted but twenty-eight seconds; yet, in that brief period, the locks of youth were silvered as with age, intellect was overthrown, millionaires beggared, lives crushed out, and misery untold heaped upon the devoted City of the Argonauts.

We have been seeking to follow but two of the half-million threads woven into the warp of the great disaster; and for these, indeed, each minute had its thrilling incident, each hour its exciting chapter. Humanity, for the time, had become the plaything of destiny; fate moved her pawn across the chessboard of life in a swift and bewildering fashion.

In the morning Beryl and Neil had missed a reunion by only a few fateful minutes; in the early afternoon Beryl had fled from the house in Sutter Street at the very moment when Neil was hastening to her rescue. And so the play of cross-purposes continued; at any moment their paths might cross, at any moment they might diverge wildly.

Neil, miraculously preserved from death, rushed into the street through a perfect avalanche of flying masonry. Through smoke and flame, a hot breath as from a furnace beating in his face, he staggered toward purer air and safety.

He fell before he had cleared the zone of danger. A brave cavalryman saw him, galloped to his aid, and dragged him to safety. Always the soldiers kept just ahead of the flames, driving the people out of harm's way; calm, resolute, undaunted, they earned a nation's praise for their gallant work all through that period of stress and peril.

Neil rested for a few minutes, then arose and hurried away. His darling had escaped from the house where she had been held captive. The evidence of this had been brought home to him, and he knew that he was not deceiving himself. Again she was like a bit of wreckage afloat on that sea of troubled humanity. He could only drift with the many currents and continue to hope and pray that he would find her.

In a little while, he scarcely knew how, he found himself advancing along a thoroughfare in the vicinity of Union Square. This breathing spot, like every other within the city limits, had been preempted by refugees. Government tents were going up for their accommodation, belongings of every conceivable sort were heaped high in the open spaces, and preparations were being made for a distribution of water and food. This was Wednesday afternoon; but at midnight three sides of the square were in flames and refugees and troops had retreated!

But we anticipate. Neil, in the thoroughfare that led to the square, pushed into a group of men and women who were clustered about a van piled high with trunks. The fire was close to the van, from which the horses had been removed—commandeered, most likely, by soldiers. A man on the seat of the vehicle cried out an offer of five hundred dollars to a passing automobile if it would take the van in tow and drag it to safety. The automobile, however, was filled with men wearing red crosses on their sleeves, and no attention was paid to the frantic offer of the man on the truck. The luggage was from one of the great hotels, and had been confided to one of the hotel employees.

With the man who had charge of the van was another. A quiver of Neil's nerves as he recognized the second individual as Berdine's valet, Hargreaves.

"I will give you five hundred dollars," shouted Hargreaves, to the driver of the Red Cross automobile, "if you will save just one trunk for me!"

Still no attention was paid by those in the car. They had other and weightier business on hand, and the offer of a fortune could not have turned them aside.

"The trunk," shouted Hargreaves, almost beside himself, "contains valuable papers! It must be saved!"

A thrill shot through Neil Preston's frame. He pressed closer, a glint of fire in his dark eyes. He saw one of the trunks, canvas-covered, brass-bound, and with the name, "Nicholas Berdine," and the address, "Denver, Colorado," lettered on the end. The trunk was well down in the pile that filled the van.

"Clear the way!" shouted the soldiers, charging toward the crowd. "The fire will be here in a few minutes! They're going to dynamite! Clear the way!"

Tossing his arms despairingly, the hotel employee leaped to the ground and joined the crowd that scurried along in front of the soldiers. Hargreaves, climbing upon a wheel of the van, struggled wildly to draw the canvas-covered trunk from the pile. But the work was beyond his strength. A soldier forced him roughly from the wheel.

"Move on!" the soldier commanded, waving a pistol in the valet's face.

Hargreaves cast one lingering look behind and joined the refugees in their flight. Neil, retreating slowly, saw a brick wall topple over upon the van, overturning it and breaking and scattering its contents. Berdine's trunk, as he could see, had been thrown far out toward the opposite side of the street, shattered, overturned, and with its contents lying white on the littered pavement.

This mishap to the van and that particular trunk brought a daring thought into Neil's brain. To think, with him, was to execute. Swiftly turning aside from the fleeing group, he dashed to the opposite side of the street and returned on the track the driven refugees had covered. He sheltered himself behind piles of debris, for the most part creeping on hands and knees. The soldiers did not see him, and the fugitive citizens had their own lives to think of.

"A bold stroke for my darling Beryl!" murmured Neil, pushing recklessly on. "Fortune has given me this opportunity, and I would be a poltroon if I did not take advantage of it. Who knows but that the very paper that means a fortune to my sweet little bride may be among those lying there on the pavement? God grant that it be so! God give me strength to search and find them!"

Love was the spur of that brave, death-defying effort. It would have been strange if love had not brought the venture through to success; and, truly, fortune favors the brave.

By the time Neil reached the vicinity of the

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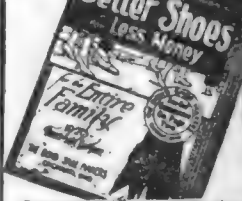
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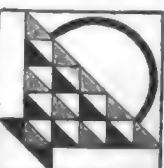


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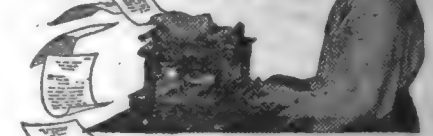
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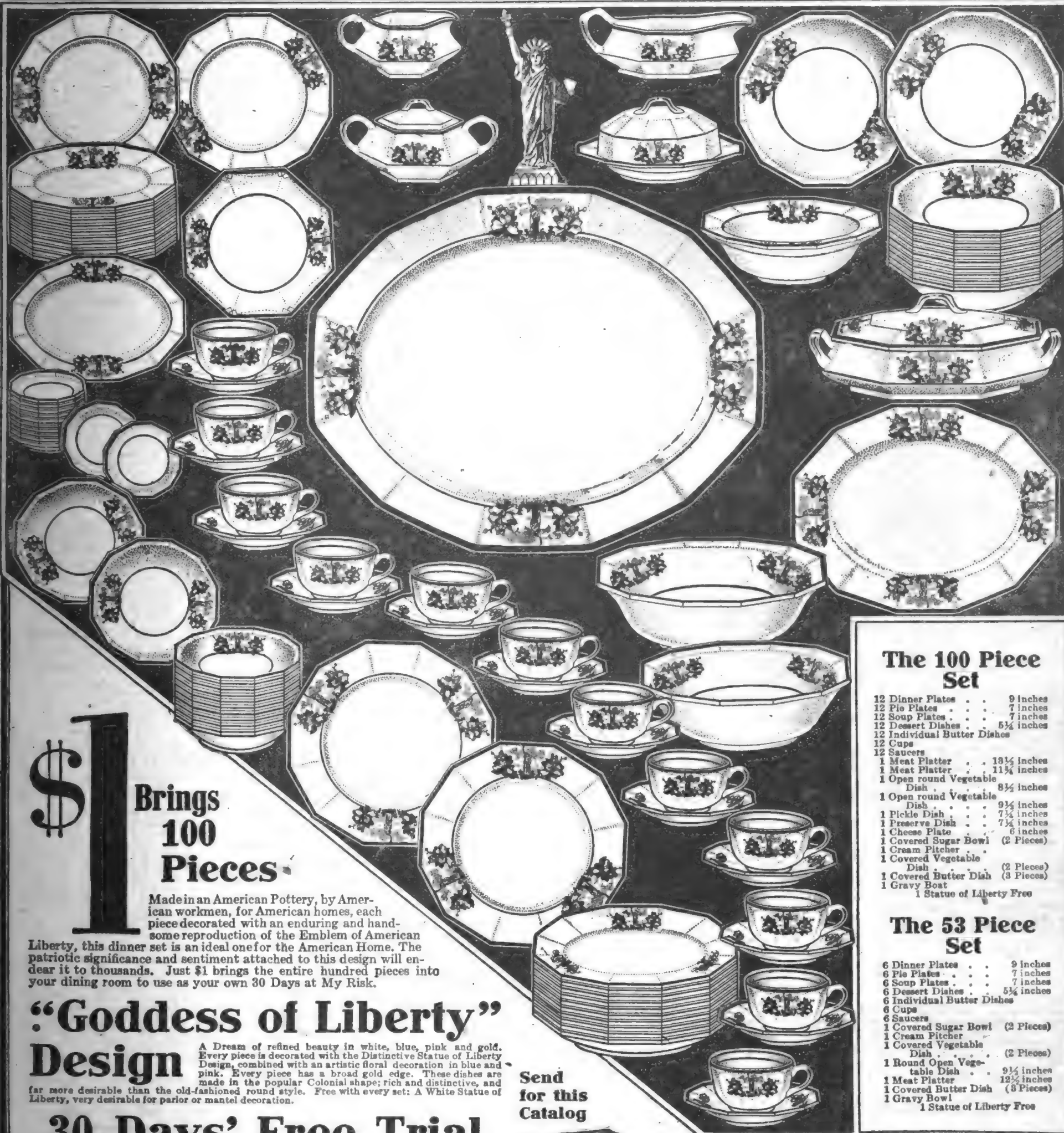
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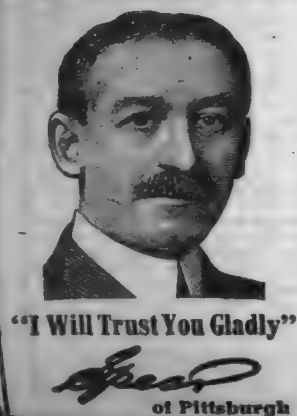
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there," indicating by a gesture a door which appeared to lead into another room.

Violet felt greatly relieved by this information, and she showed it plainly.

"I wonder what I am going to do for a night-robe," she remarked. "I have none with me, nor any toilet articles, and it will be very inconvenient and uncomfortable to be without them."

"Well, miss, I can let you have a night-gown; 'twon't be a cambric one with lace and tucks and ruffles—this with a slight sheer—but it'll be clean and whole, and I'll tell your brother that you want a comb and brush."

"Thank you. I can get along very nicely, at least for a few days if I can have those things; oh, please tell Mr. Mencke to get a toothbrush also," Violet said, graciously, and then having satisfied her appetite, she took up the glass of water beside her plate and remarked:

"I would like to keep this glass for my flowers; may I?"

"I don't know any reason why you can't, miss," Sarah answered.

"Will you be kind enough to pass me that box?" Violet asked, pointing to a chair where her recent purchase lay.

The woman did as she was requested, and a quick look of delight swept over her face as the young girl opened it and removed the fragrant contents from their wrappings.

"You love flowers," Violet said, as she noted the wistful expression that crept into her eyes. Her face hardened instantly, and she gave vent to a short, bitter laugh.

"What business have poor folks to like such things when they can't get what they want to eat?" she demanded, in a harsh, sullen tone.

"It is too bad, isn't it?" Violet said, in a sympathetic voice, "but you shall have some of these if you like," and separating some of the choicest from the others, she laid them upon the tray, and put the remainder in the glass.

Sarah shut her lips tightly together as if determined to return no acknowledgment for the unusual gift; but her eyes, nevertheless, lingered greedily on the lovely blossoms, as she lifted the tray and passed silently from the room.

CHAPTER XXIX.

VANE CAMERON FINDS HIS MATE.

"That was not a very encouraging beginning," Violet murmured, looking disappointed as she heard the lock click again into its socket; "it is very evident that Sarah means to preserve her armor impenetrable to all blandishments; but she does love flowers, for she looked hungry for them, and the color rushed into her face when I told her that she should have some; so there must be a soft spot somewhere in her nature, and I must try and find my way to it."

If she could have seen the woman as she paused a moment at the top of the stairs to put her face down to the beautiful buds and blossoms, while she eagerly inhaled their fragrance, she might not have thought her armor so impenetrable as it had seemed.

"The little goose imagines that she is going to pull the wool over my eyes," Sarah muttered, with a suppressed laugh, as she went on her way, "but I've too much at stake to let her do that, though she's given Johnnie, poor boy, a treat in these posies that he's never had afore."

"Johnnie, poor boy!" was a little cripple, her only child, who had never walked a step, but was obliged to lie or sit all day, amusing himself as best he might, while his mother went out to earn what she could for their support. She loved him tenderly, was constantly planning some little pleasure for him, and her heart fairly glowed over these beautiful flowers which she knew would so delight him.

About half an hour later, she brought Violet the night-robe that she had promised, together with a cheap new brush, comb and toothbrush, and the young girl was sure that her manner was a little less brusque than before.

She replenished the fire, swept up the hearth, snuffed the candles, and then asked Violet if there was anything more that she could do for her.

Violet would have been glad to have her remain in the room all night, for she could not bear to think of sleeping alone in that strange house; but she could not bring herself to share her bed with her, so she told her no, thanking her for what she had done, and after she was gone, crept into her bed to try and forget herself in sleep.

We shall now have to glance back several weeks in order to gather up some stray threads of our story before we can go on with the plot.

We have already learned that Lord Cameron was in this country.

He had come to America in the latter part of the fall to look after some interests which he still had in New York, and to spend a little time with Wallace, between whom and himself a strong friendship existed.

After his arrival, the life of the young architect had not been quite so quiet and monotonous as before. Lord Cameron was widely known in the fashionable circles of New York, and he was of course eagerly sought after, when it was learned that he was in the city.

He not only accepted many of the invitations showered upon him, but secured like favors for his friend.

Wallace at first flatly refused to accompany him into society, but the young earl finally overcame his objections, and prevailed upon him to go with him occasionally.

His first appearance was at a drawing-room musicale given in one of the up-town palaces, where, it was said, some of the best amateur talent in New York was to favor the select audience that had been invited.

Lord Cameron and his friend arrived a little late, to find that every seat was taken, and that there was scarcely standing-room; but just as they were trying to edge their way into the great room they suddenly paused spellbound at the sound of a marvelously sweet voice which at that moment began to render a difficult air from a popular opera.

There was not a sound in the room save those clear, flexible tones, as they trilled forth in rich melodious measure, holding every listener in rapt attention.

"Who can she be?" whispered Lord Cameron to Wallace, as the voice ceased, and the orchestra took up a few measures of interlude. "Can you see her?"

They were near the door, and the huge pillar that supported the arch above them concealed the singer from their view.

"Yes," Wallace answered, craning his neck for a better glimpse. "I can see a very lovely lady of medium height and graceful form, with an exquisite complexion, star-like eyes—whether light or dark I cannot tell at this distance—and golden-brown hair."

"I am glad to hear that she is lovely, for any one with such a voice should be nothing else," replied Lord Cameron, and then the magic voice took up the air again, and the two friends stood breathless until it finished.

The enthusiastic applause that followed told that the delighted audience would not be appeased until they had been favored again by the divine voice, and during the excitement which prevailed over this encore, Wallace and Lord Cameron managed to get a little farther into the room, where the latter could now also command a view of the stage.

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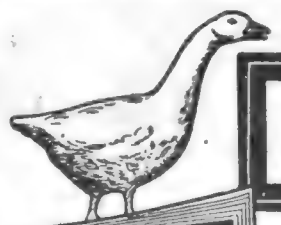
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smiled and bestowed an appreciative little bow upon her audience, and then, in the most simple and unassuming manner, sang that charming little Irish ballad, "Come Back to Erin."

"Who is she?" whispered Lord Cameron to an acquaintance whom he saw near him, while his face was all aglow, and his eyes shone like stars.

"Miss Agnes Humphrey, a noted soprano in one of our city churches; charming, isn't she?" was the reply.

"Indeed she is," Lord Cameron answered, and he secretly resolved that he would obtain an introduction to Miss Humphrey before the evening was over.

The lady sang once more before the entertainment was concluded, and even more acceptably than before, after which she graciously responded to another encore, and when the programme was concluded, Lord Cameron sought his hostess and begged to be presented to the prima-donna of the evening.

Mrs. Van Vort readily complied with his request, and, judging from his lordship's conduct after that ceremony had been performed, he was even more pleased with Miss Humphrey personally than he had been with her as a singer.

Wallace was also presented to her, and found her a sweet, womanly woman, whom he felt it would be a pleasure to know more intimately.

They met her in society frequently after that, and it soon became evident that the young Earl of Sutherland had conceived something more than a friendly interest in her. At the end of three months he gravely informed Wallace that he had asked Miss Humphrey to become his wife, and she had accepted him.

"I am glad," Wallace answered, warmly, yet not without some emotion; for of course each knew that the other was thinking of Violet, "it is as it should be, Cameron, and I am sure that Miss Humphrey will make you a true and loving wife. She is a lady in every respect and will honor, both by her dignity and accomplishments, the position which you will give her. You do not need to have me tell you that I wish you all the happiness that a man can know in this world."

"I wish I could be as sure of your future happiness, Richardson, as I am of my own," Lord Cameron returned, as he clasped the hand that his friend had extended to him.

"It will come in the unknown future, perhaps," Wallace gravely responded, and his companion was sure that love for no woman save the one he had lost, would ever fill his heart.

Lord Cameron had intended to return to England by the last of January, but his betrothal to Miss Humphrey now changed his plans.

He succeeded in convincing his bride-elect that there was no wisdom in a long engagement, and that it would be for their mutual interest to have their marriage solemnized at an early date, and then sail immediately for their English home.

It was therefore arranged that the wedding should occur about the middle of April, and at once preparations were accordingly set on foot for the great event.

It was the social event of the season, and there was a great deal said about the "splendid match" which Miss Humphrey had made.

The lady herself belonged to a fine, although not a notably wealthy family, at least as wealth is estimated in these days of millionaires.

She had been well educated, and allowed the best advantages in music, for which she showed great love and marked talent, and having made herself proficient in the art, she devoted it to a noble cause, giving her services to the church where she worshipped, and often for the benefit of charitable objects.

She was beautiful in person and character, and was generally beloved in the circles where she moved. Many people felt that they would lose a dear personal friend when she should leave for her new home, while almost everyone acknowledged that she was eminently fitted to grace the high position to which she was going.

Many thought that it was very strange she should have lived to be twenty-three years of age and never have met any one whom she could love well enough to marry. But such was the fact. No one had ever touched her heart until that evening of her introduction to Lord Cameron, when she had instantly been attracted as strongly to him as he to her.

The young earl had no secrets from her. When he told her of his affection for her, he also confided to her his former attachment to Violet, with the story of its romantic and tragic ending, and Agnes Humphrey, instead of feeling that she had not won all that she ought to have of this grand man's love, felt that this very confidence—this opening of the innermost recesses of his heart—was the omen of even a deeper love for her than any he had ever experienced for another.

Many a woman with less depth of character would have been jealous and suspicious of a first love that had taken such a strong hold upon him; but she sweetly ignored self, and resolved to so fill his future with her own devotion, that his wound would be healed, and his heart finally yield itself wholly to her.

"She must have been very lovely," she remarked, while they were talking of Violet, "and what a sad, sad fate for one so young. I wonder—"

She broke off suddenly, while her thoughts flew instantly to the beautiful girl who had clasped her hand so gratefully at Bertha Lawrence's funeral, and who, looking down upon her with dewy eyes and tremulous lips, had thanked her with such sweet earnestness for the comfort which her gift of song had given her.

"You wonder what, dear?" Lord Cameron asked, curious to know why she had cut herself short all at once.

"I know a Miss Huntington—or at least I have met her—who seems very like the Violet whom you have described, and, strangely enough, her initials are V. D. H. I was wondering if she might not possibly be a relative of hers."

"I think not," Lord Cameron replied, with not a suspicion of the truth; "she had no relatives that I know of in New York. Has this Miss Huntington been at any of the receptions that we have attended?"

He thought it would be pleasant to see any one who resembled Violet, while he suddenly remembered the face that Wallace had seen in the passing carriage in London.

"I think she does not go into society at all," Miss Humphrey responded, "and I have never met her but twice. She was governess to a little blind girl who died, and at her request I sang at the child's funeral. She thanked me in such a sweet, touching way that I was at once drawn toward her, and wished that I could know her better. I have never seen her since, though I have been tempted to call upon her, for I think I should enjoy her friendship."

Lord Cameron also felt an unaccountable desire to know more of this young girl, but he told himself that it was a mere coincidence, and nothing more was said of Violet at this time.

A little later, when the startling account of her sudden disappearance was published in the papers and a large reward offered for tidings of her, he was again considerably exercised. But he thought it was only because of the strange correspondence of the name, and did not for a moment dream but that the girl whom he had helped to lay beneath the great beech at Mentone, was the one whom he had loved and mourned.

As it happened, Wallace was away for a few days at this time, having been called to Chicago on important business. This was the reason why he did not see the first startling reports

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as to how long it would be before he got that auto. She dropped her face in shamed silence as he replied.

"Not very long if business keeps up the way it has been."

"Then will you give me a ride?" she begged coquettishly, her head on one side.

"All you want," was his gallant answer.

"Louezy likes to go," old man McNut shrilled, in his high-cracked voice. "She is an easy-going piece, too. Never frets about fixin' up the house at all, while Mandy here is allus a naggin' me about it. She says the snow comes in in winter and the rain in summer. But I allus tell her, 'What was good enough fer mam and pap is good enough for ye.'"

With this sally, he shambled out of sight behind the red curtain and presently the bed creaked beneath his weight.

After Joe had taken his departure that night and the sisters were undressing behind the other half of the red curtain, Louise said in a sibilant whisper: "See how easy I worked him. He'll get that auto, and then we'll get married and I'll show you my idea of a good time." Mandy made no audible reply. If her heart whispered "Poor Joe," her sister could not hear it, and went to sleep making wonderful plans for her future as Mrs. Joseph Fifield.

Mandy herself lay wide-eyed and sleepless, staring into the dark future before her. Her last prop had been knocked away. Unrealized, even by herself, she had always hoped that Joe might possibly ask her again to marry him, but now that hope was dead. "It didn't take him long to forget," she whispered bitterly to herself.

In spite of her despair, she returned to her work the next day with the patience of a horse taught to walk the treadmill. The months that followed were keen torture to her. Louise went frequently to the village and told frequently of meetings with Joe, who still reported amazing progress.

"He said to tell you that he'd soon have it now," was her report one day in the latter part of April. "I suppose he wants you to begin buyin' my wedding outfit. Well, I don't care how soon you get it, either. I'm crazy to get away from this old shack."

The next evening, Louise and the boys having gone to a dance in the village, Mandy was sitting alone on the doorstep, wrapped in a thick woolen shawl, and watching, as usual, the road from the west. She could see a little red runabout coming toward her but expected that it would turn at the cross-roads. Instead, it came straight on and stopped in front of the gate. She gasped with amazement when she recognized its occupant as none other than her old sweetheart. A little jealous pang shot through her heart as she realized how he had hastened to fulfill the conditions imposed upon him by her sister. She felt tempted to refuse to look at the machine but curiosity conquered. She arose and hurried to the gate, where Joe sat calmly awaiting her.

"Won't you come in and stop a while?" she invited after the usual greetings had passed between them.

"How do you like my new automobile?" he countered. "Get in and I'll ride you around a bit. It's a nice moonlight night."

She shrank back timidly, fearing yet longing to go.

"Land no, Joe, I ain't fit," she demurred.

"Come on," he insisted, and she went.

When he finally set her down at the gate after an hour's exhilarating ride, he asked gently: "Did you like it, Mandy?"

"Like it? Oh, Joe, it was just grand!"

"Well, now are you satisfied, Mandy? You've made me serve most as long a time as that fellow in the Bible did for Rachel. First you had to take care of your father and the children. They are grown up at last and Louise is old enough to do for them, so there is nothing to hinder us getting married now, is there?"

"Wher, Joe," she stammered. "I thought it was Louezy you was after now."

"Whatever put that notion into your head? Haven't I been waiting for you for ten years? I told you then I'd never marry any other girl. Why, Louezy knew I was courting you. She gave me that hint about you wanting an automobile, last fall, on purpose to help me out."

"Oh, Joe," she disclaimed. "I never thought of such a thing. I never cared much about autos anyway,—leastways, not till tonight," she added honestly.

"Don't you love me, Mandy?" he asked wistfully, smoothing one of her sleeves with his big, clumsy hands.

"Yes, I do, Joe. I always have, I guess, but I can't see my way clear yet to leaving pa and the boys with Louezy. She don't know the first thing about keeping house."

"Time she learned, then, and the only way she will ever learn is by having to do it. Let her try it. It will do her good."

"I can't, Joe. She is so easy-going. Why, she said just the other day that she would let the boys sleep under wet quilts before she would carry them out. You know the roof has leaked for quite a spell," she added apologetically.

"Yes, and she would, too, and it would serve them right. They need somebody like her to deal with them. Besides, I haven't got any one to look after me. Don't I need tending?" he asked, trying to put a plaintive note into his voice.

"Land! If you could see the shape my things is getting into over there," he exaggerated.

"Bring 'over your mending, Joe, and I'll be glad to do it for you," she offered eagerly.

"Tain't mending I want, Mandy, it's you."

"I can't," she cried desperately. "Leastways not until Louezy learns how to do something besides crochet."

He was angry now. "This is the last time I'll ask you, Mandy," he warned. "Will you go?"

She shook her head, the lump in her throat forbidding speech, her face pale and beseeching.

"All right, I'm done with coaxing. Good night." He turned, jumped into the car and was gone. Mandy stood looking after him, rigid with despair. As she turned back to the little unpainted, ramshackle cabin, set in a bare expanse of ground, her heart faltered. She raged inwardly at herself. She had hoped against hope for ten years that Joe would return some day and ask the very question that he had asked her tonight. She had determined many times that if that time ever came she would go with him gladly, but in the crisis the same duty that had reared its head between them ten years before had again parted them. In her heart she knew that Louise, through selfishness and indolence, was no more capable of taking care of the men folks than she had been when a child. Would she ever be? Mandy wondered guiltily whether she had made a mistake. Did she owe a duty to Joe? He had no one but her. As she meditated, she decided that she had made a mistake. "It's too late," she mourned, "for when Joe says anything, he always keeps his word. He'll never ask me again, and I don't blame him a mite."

That night it rained. Not a gentle little shower, but a cold, pelting, driving rain that penetrated every crack and crevice. It poured through the leaky roof of the cabin like a deluge. Mandy climbed over the prostrate form of the gently-snooring Louise, and proceeded to close the windows. Then she climbed the ladder to the loft, carrying dishpans and pails to set under the worst places, added more quilts to her brothers' beds to keep them dry, and then, damp and cold herself, crept back into bed again. Her very soul revolted at the thought of doing this for the rest of her life.

The next morning after the boys had eaten

a late breakfast and dawdled drowsily off to their work, Louise still being asleep, Mandy carried out all the heavy quilts again to dry in the sunshine. Her heart ached, and her eyes were heavy with unshed tears. She was so occupied in her own misery that she failed to see a little red automobile come tearing down the road from the west. Suddenly a shadow fell across the quilt she was tugging straight on the line.

"Doing the same old stunt, hey?" Joe's voice boomed. "Just what I expected. Now you look here." She looked. He was very big and determined. "You go into the house and pack whatever belongs to you,—your clothes and that quilt with the thousand pieces. Put on your hat and hurry."

Her long-practiced habit of meekness stood her in good stead. She scurried into the house like a frightened rabbit, and soon reappeared in her best dress and hat. A grey canvas valise held all her belongings. He tucked it into the back of the car. Any thought of neglected duties were forgotten in the overwhelming desire to go for another delicious ride in this car, at Joe's side.

At last, Lochinvar had come out of the west and had stolen his bride, who was, like that other bride, a very willing captive. They were married an hour later in the village parsonage. The minister's wife and the salesman from whom Joe had purchased the automobile were witnesses. Just as the knot was safely tied, back in the little unpainted cabin, behind the turkey-red print drape, Louise turned over in bed, rawned sleepily, and stretched her white arms above her head. Then she snuggled down and slept again.

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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from the floor and the rest is screened in. It has canvas doors that are hinged at the top and which can be drawn to the ceiling by a cord. The drop-door of the cellar is in part of the door. The built-in sink has a door so I can still wash my dishes in the sink. A cistern pump has been replaced by faucets. I have an oil stove, cabinet, cupboard and dining table in this room. The floor is covered with linoleum. I can cook and work in comfort and we eat there and enjoy the cool breezes from three sides. As farmers can seldom have a vacation in summer-time, we pretend we are on an outing at "Joy Cottage" in the pines, in this cool little room. Everyone that comes to our home in hot weather praises the summer porch. The little south porch is also screened in and made into a sleeping porch. We had a built-in cupboard put in the partition between the kitchen and dining-room, with doors opening into both rooms. This is a great labor saver. Also made a small south room into a bathroom. All these conveniences could be put in by the "handy man around the house" with but little expense.

To those having a special friend or chum who doesn't write as often as you wish, set the pace by writing every so often, and request them to bargain to do the same. Make the penalty for failure to write, an extra letter between times. Try putting personality into your letters to hold their interest.

If I could have your address, Udeyne of Tennessee you would get a letter from me. How may I obtain it? Somehow you have struck the right chord in my heart.

My husband is an orphan. He was born at Pomeroy, Washington, the son of John Dallas. He had two older sisters named Anna and Theresa, also an uncle named Lester Dallas. He is very anxious to get in communication with any of his relatives.

I would be glad to hear from any of the COMFORT sisters who care to write.

The three mottoes I try to live up to are: Not to worry over little things. To make the best of things as they come and to keep young. By following these I find more sunshine about me and that life is not as hard as it seems to be.

There is so much I would like to say but my letter is getting too long I fear, for I have the habit of writing long letters. If I am welcomed later I will tell you about the state of Idaho which is rightly called "The Gem of the Mountains." I lived there seventeen years.

With love to each of you,

ERMA (LITTLE) DALLAS.

WEST UNION, ILL.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT READERS:

I have taken COMFORT for many years and derive much good from the letters. I am young and need good advice, as I am the mother of two sweet babies, Josephine, two and one half years, and Vernon, one year old.

I have a good husband and am very happy. We live



JOSEPHINE AND VERNON CHENOWETH.

on a farm on the Wabash River. I raise chickens and care for a garden and have a two-story house to keep clean so you see I have plenty to do.

Perhaps some of the sisters remember seeing a letter from Stella M. Baker or Mrs. Mitchell Baker in COMFORT a few years ago. She is my sister and one of the best sisters in the world. She is always doing good somewhere.

Nelle, I enjoy your letters very, very much and also Mrs. Vesey's. I love to travel. Two years ago we took a trip to Montana and stayed a year.

Mrs. Wheeler, I am young to advise you on the subject you asked about but I think it would be better to tell the children when they are old enough to understand, that they are adopted for they are sure to find it out from someone else and you are the one to tell it to them in the best way.

MRS. ORAS CHENOWETH.

GEORGIA.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I would like very much to join this delightful corner if I may.

Auntie Wood and Mrs. I. G. Auld, your letters were greatly enjoyed.

S. C. Sheppard, please write again and tell us more about the north wood.

When one is feeling tired nothing is more restful than to read the letters in this corner so it might be said justly that "reading each day keeps the doctor away." Physical exercise is refreshing, but reading, particularly when it is habitual, lets the mind and spirit out of the individual for a complete holiday from

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Best wishes to all.

FRANCES.

land which we are paying for and hope to call it ours before many years. We own our stock and the necessary farming tools and we also have a Ford car which we got new last spring. So you see we are about as well off as the majority. Some people think we are strange because we are deaf and when we go to town they stand around and stare at us and many laugh when we talk on our fingers.

We live about thirty miles from the city of Waco where there are quite a few deaf people; they have a Sunday School class for them at the Baptist church. We often go there in summer but in the winter the roads are not good enough and we cannot go as often as we would like, but we go whenever we can and enjoy ourselves, talking with other deaf people. We have many friends there.

I lived in the city until I was married. I love my home and keep it clean and cheerful and we are happy. I raise chickens and tend the garden and try in every way to help my husband save and pay for our little home and how happy we shall be when the last note is paid and we are free from debt.

I would like to get letters from any of the sisters who care to write.

With love and best wishes to you all,
MRS. ROY BOWMAN.

Mrs. Bowman and Frances.—Have either of you tried lip reading? I have been told that it isn't so very difficult to learn. There are well-written books on the subject for those who are unable to attend a lip-reading school or have a private teacher. I'll look the matter up more fully if you wish me to. And to those who are prone to shout at deaf people, just remember that a clear, distinct voice of medium tone carries better than a voice pitched unnaturally high.—Ed.

St. JOSEPH, Sta. A, Box 64, Mo.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

I did not intend to make it a habit of calling on you and usurping the place of some sister who has a right here, but so many of you have written me and extended such cordial invitations to call again that I decided to brave the editor's frowns and make you another visit. I wish to thank all the sisters who have written me for their kindly expressed appreciation of my letter and am very glad there are so many suffragettes. Since I visited you before you have been

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The Pretty Girls' Club

Conducted by Katherine Booth

What Is Your Best Expression?

I USED to know a pretty girl who was lovely to look at so long as she smiled with her eyes, but the moment she was moved to real mirth, her lips drew up over her gums and her attractiveness was gone. Nobody had the courage to tell her that her broad smile was displeasing; yet it should have been a simple matter for her to discover this for herself.

What could she have done, even so? Learned to regulate her smiles. One can look pleased, amused, interested, joyous, just by an expression of the eyes and a lifting of the corners of the mouth. We are often moved quite deeply by some pathetic story we hear or a play we see,

as a rule.

A smile with parted lips is lovely if the teeth it discloses are even and white, but why part the lips if they are inclined to draw back and disclose the gums? Your feelings are as easily expressed by lips curved with amusement or pleasure but not parted.

One of the earliest lessons we all need to learn is that we are paying the world the very best compliment possible if we try always to let it see us in our pleasantest aspect. There is nothing artificial or vain about this; it is really the duty of every woman, every man, and every child to make themselves as pleasing to the rest of the world as possible. If I had a small daughter and she had an displeasing way of pursing her lips, I shouldn't hesitate a minute about telling her that she didn't make a pretty picture when she used that expression, and that the feeling she had in her mind behind that pursing of the lips ought to find a pleasanter way to express itself. Children think it all a beautiful game, when it is brought to them in this fashion; they do not become self-conscious or vain; they laugh about it, and are curious to see how the face can be made to express one thing in different ways, and then quite unconsciously they finally adopt the better way.

Why shouldn't we older people be as easily adaptable? Let's try it! For each emotion you have to find utterance for, which is the best expression? It's lots of fun, studying it out—try it!

Answers to Questions

GEORGIA.—To make your eyelashes grow, anoint the edges of the lids very gently each night with a little warm olive oil. Never brush or pick the lashes, and never rub the eyes. Wash the eyes gently each morning, but do not rub them open as so many people do, because that is one way of rubbing out your lashes and I am sure you do not want to do that. Of course you apply the oil to the lids with either the finger-tip or a tiny camel's-hair brush like the finest paint brush. The brush is better than the finger. To get rid of blackheads, first keep the face clean. To do that, wash it each night, before retiring, in hot soapy water, but do not rub soap on the face ever. Use a soft cloth and cleanse every portion of the face. Then rinse in warm water, then in cool, finally in cold water. In the morning, wash in tepid water without soap, and do this whenever in the course of the day the face needs freshening. Blackheads are clogged pores, so keep yours fresh and active. If you will invest in a camel's-hair face complexion brush—which is just like a hand brush only of soft hair—and brush your hair for the first few nights, on retiring, using the hot soapy water, after that the brush will not be necessary, for your blackheads will probably all have disappeared. Remember you must keep the pores active, and poorly selected foods make pores sluggish, so eat sensible foods, including plenty of vegetables and fruits, and drink lots of water. For freckles, if they are of the summer kind, they aren't worth bothering with,



DON'T OPEN THE LIPS IN SMILING IF THE TEETH ARE NOT PRETTY.

but we have learned to school our feelings in public. We do not sob or groan or do any of the things which sadness might reasonably be supposed to induce in. We know the public does not want to be disturbed by our private emotions. It isn't a bit harder, girls, to control the happier feelings which seek their expression in smiles and laughter. Laugh, by all means, but train yourself to do it pleasingly. A low, soft laugh is lovely to listen to, and the mouth from which it comes is usually as lovely in its curves. A loud and boisterous laugh or a giggle are neither pleasing to the ear nor to the eye,

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but if they are friends of long standing, then you might try this remedy, always remembering that the only way to remove freckles is to remove the skin, and that when you have done this the new skin is very sensitive and easily irritated, besides being unable to stand the sun's heat without freckling worse than ever. So if you remove freckles, be very tender of the skin which takes their place, wear broad-brimmed hats and veils, and use cold cream well rubbed in before going out into the air. As a matter of fact, it is quite possible that a good course of soap and water scrubbing at night, no soap in the daytime but cold cream applied, rubbed in, wiped off, then a little powder dusted on the surface before going outdoors, might put your skin in better condition at once and your freckles might fade away through receiving no encouragement to remain.

To Remove Obsolete Freckles

Lactic acid, two ounces; glycerine, one ounce; rose-water, one half ounce.

Apply only to the freckles and let dry on, doing



SMILE LIKE THIS IF YOUR MOUTH IS LOVELY.

this every night for two or three nights or until the skin begins to peel. After that, rub in a little cold cream.

MARGARET.—See answer to "Blue Eyes" in last month's department.

WORRIED GIRL.—What you have done won't do any harm at all or have the result you speak of. Only don't do it again, because it is better to let things remain as they are. It isn't anything to get rid of. All people are alike in this respect, and it is just as natural as noses on faces. So forget it and don't do it again, even though it isn't the least harm in the world. To get fat, my dear (answering your next question), eat the kind of foods that make fat—boiled or baked potatoes, boiled rice, macaroni, white bread and butter (but not hot breads), gravy, milk, cream. Don't eat fried foods if you can help it. Of course where other people plan the meals it isn't always easy to eat just the things one wants, but one can use a little judgment and not eat heartily of things not particularly good for one. If you could eat a soft-boiled egg for breakfast, and some oatmeal and cream or milk, and some stewed prunes or a baked or raw apple, or an orange or some grapefruit, with either buttered toast or bread and butter, you would have a good breakfast. But your family may have ham and potatoes

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RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR.

To half pint of water add 1 oz. Bay Rum, a small box of Barbo Compound, and ¼ oz. of glycerine. Any druggist can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. Full directions for making and use come in each box of Barbo Compound. It will gradually darken streaked, faded gray hair, and make it soft and glossy. It will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy, and does not rub off.—Adv.

Hair Often Ruined By Careless Washing

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American Housewife's Mistake

By A. M. Hughes, M. D.

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THE American housewife's mistake is a false modesty in the matter of refusing to take the proper amount of rest, during her monthly functions, that amounts to downright prudery. She fears someone will know why she is resting. Why should she fear it? Nothing could be more absurd. It is a part of her God-given womanhood, as natural to woman as appetite. She should be proud of it, proud that it means she is qualified to take that all-important part in Nature's great plan of the chain of life. In no other country in the world are the women prudish about this, and in every other country in the world the women are healthier and stronger than in America.

The American housewife's mistake is being so prudish in this matter that she will slave during those few days when she should rest is that it destroys her health, her happiness, and, as I will show later, frequently her home. That is her mistake, and it is one of the gravest. Every person knows full well that these periods of illness are all a natural part of a woman's life and it is utter foolishness and false modesty to refrain from admitting it. In Europe every woman takes her rest. Nothing more is thought of that by the others in the home than would be if mother remained in bed some morning with a severe headache. The European housewife, when this time arrives, gives up all her household duties, if it is possible, if not she does no more than make the beds and prepare simple meals. No washing is done, no sewing, no sweeping, nothing but the very simplest duties are performed, and in consequence she has all but a few hours of each day to rest.

"Mother is ill," is the simple statement. No more is thought of it. It is natural that she should be ill. It is natural to those people that mother should rest.

But here in America? Horrors! Breathe it not! Mother will slave, she will sweep and wash and scrub and dust just as though she were quite in her usual good health, for if not someone might ask why.

The reasons why the American housewife should rest at these times are, or should be, generally understood. First, the blood pressure is greatly increased, then it is greatly lowered. Her vitality is extremely low and there is a mental effect. All this reacts on her nerves and her nerves react on her brain. She becomes fretful, cross, unreasonable, morbid and unhappy. Her head aches, her back aches, her limbs ache. What she needs is perfect rest for a few days. Nothing else in the world will serve except rest.

Not every woman has all these troubles, but many do, and every woman has the increased blood pressure and then the low vitality, and nearly every woman has some aches and pains. She is in no condition to stand over a hot stove and bake, or roast meats. She is in no condition to push a carpet-sweeper about or wield a broom, or to work the pedals of a sewing machine. This work adds to her troubles.

Many a home has been wrecked because of this disregard or ignorance of Nature's demands. The husband fails to understand why his wife should be cross with him. "Why the grouch?" he asks. "Now what have I done?" This makes her nerves jump, her head ache more and her mind becomes a little out of the normal. But will she tell him why? Not in nine cases out of ten. Perhaps she does not fully understand herself.

"Nothing is the matter, it is you who are cross," will come the rejoinder. She is not responsible for this temperament at this time, but she is responsible for being so prudish that she won't admit she is a normal, God-made woman who, at certain periods, needs rest and quiet. Just why she won't admit this is beyond the knowledge of anyone, except that she has been educated through many generations to believe that it is immodest to admit such things, to even mention them. The American woman seems to want to go along giving the impression that she is a sort of dainty, immortal, angel-like creature. But she isn't. She would be miserable if she were. No man would love her. Man wants a very human woman. Over in Europe and in other countries this is all understood, and the women can out-run, out-walk, out-work our women.

False training of the daughters, false modesty, fear to let your own people know that you are a normal woman, has made thousands of chronic invalids in this country. Women have done washing when they should have been in an easy-chair reading; women have swept floors when they should have been flat on their backs on a couch or in bed. The result has been broken-down health, invalidism, no pleasure in the home, no hopes for the future, and possibly a separation.

This is not limited to the housewife who works. The women who do not need to do the housework, who have competent maids, are prone to this harmful prudishness. They will run downtown shopping, they will go here or there, keep an engagement rather than ask to be excused on the ground of temporary illness. The result is a depressed, irritable wife, a husband who doesn't understand, and all sorts of trouble.

Even the savage, unlettered, uncivilized women of Africa know better than to work during these times. They rest in their huts and the savage men are not so savage but what they know why, nor so savage but what they are quite willing. When normal, these savage women work like the men—generally ten times harder. The average American housewife lacks, in this matter, the wisdom of those barbarian women of the jungles.

We speak of the red-faced, clear-eyed English women. They are fond of outdoor life, they are sturdy and they love to walk. There are ten American invalid women to one English invalid woman, because your English cousins know of the necessity of rest at certain times for their women and they see to it that the rest is taken.

Every operatic impresario can tell you that their foreign singers have this wisdom, that they never make this mistake. We marvel at the vigor, and the beauty of these foreign opera singers, they seem to keep young for years longer than our native women. These singers have a clause in their contracts which permits them to rest each month when the normal woman needs rest. They realize that they cannot retain their strength and health if they attempt to sing in public when they are ill, and they are wise enough to so arrange their contracts that they do not have to do this. How many times do we read that "Mme. So-and-So did not appear in Carmen (or whatever the opera was) last night, owing to a slight throat trouble, and the role was taken by Mme. La Blank"? It frequently appears in print, and most of us believe it was throat trouble; we are not wise enough to understand these things. Abroad it is different. The papers make the simple statement, "Mme. So-and-So was unable to appear." That was all. Everyone understands. No one is shocked. No one has any right to be shocked. American housewives have a routine for their work. Especially is this true in New England and the Eastern States, although nearly every housewife has some sort of a routine. That is, washing on Monday, ironing on Tuesday, sweeping on Wednesday, baking on Friday, sewing on Saturday, and so on. There is no harm in this. The harm comes in the absolutely senseless man-

ner in which so many women rigidly follow this routine. It doesn't matter if their heads are splitting, if their backs are aching and they feel scarcely able to stand, they have an insane belief that the washing has got to be done on Monday and the ironing has got to be done on Tuesday. And they do it and before many years they are broken in health.

They have not got to do these things on specified days. There will be plenty of days for washing as long as there are clothes and people to wear them. There have been plenty of days for washing ever since "Adam delved and Eve span." And this reminds me that in your Bible you will find mention of this very thing—rules laid down for the care of women during these functions. The wise old men of the Bible times knew all about these things and they understood the value of a healthy woman and the need of keeping that woman in health.

What if the children do have soiled frocks? It won't hurt them to go a few days longer in them? What if there is a little dust on the floors? It won't hurt you to leave it there a couple more days. What if the soiled linen is still in the hamper? Leave it there. It will be just as serviceable if it isn't washed until next week. Sewing to do? Let it rest. One of the worst things a woman who is ill can do is to pump a sewing machine treadle up and down for even half an hour.

All this is the first great mistake so many of our women make. The next great mistake they make is in failing to tell their daughters about these things. I do not mean the story of sex because most mothers have grown wise and are doing this, but they fail to warn their daughters about the mistake of false modesty in the matter. The girls should be educated to rest, to realize that it is not only their right to take this rest, but their duty. It is a duty they owe to their husbands and to the children every normal girl hopes to bring into the world. Furthermore, educate the sons. When your son is about to be married, impress upon him the necessity of demanding that his wife take this rest. Explain the need of it. Urge him to teach her that she should not work at these times and that the fear some one might know why she is resting is the worst sort of false modesty and prudishness.

It means happier and healthier mothers, it

means contented grandmothers and it means stronger and healthier generations to come. It is hygienically necessary. We have always known that woman, at least the average woman, is slightly abnormal, mentally, during these times. We have known in a general way that they were by no means feeling well, but we have gone blindly ahead and refused to see the necessity of making life easier for the women. And the women have been equally blind. The rest is theirs for the asking. All they need to do in practically every case is to give up hard work for a few days and rest. No man fit to be called a man would object. The trouble has been that it is the woman's mistake, she has neglected to do this, and the absurdity of it all is that it has been through a sort of prudishness and pitiful false modesty.

What does a husband care if his house is a bit dusty and untidy for a few days, so long as his wife is storing up health and strength? He had rather see a house full of dust and disorder than see a disordered, nervous, irritable wife.

Many women can stand all this. But many cannot. To some it means a general breakdown, to others such a nervous breakdown as to verge on insanity. And who knows how many suicides have been caused because the woman has broken her health with unnecessary drudgery at these times? With this sort of necessary rest the housewife gains in health, and with health housework loses its drudgery. The time will come when the American housewife will no longer be so prudish in this matter but, like her wise foreign sisters, take the rest she needs at the time she needs it and thereby make her life worth living.

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His Heart's Queen

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of Violet's disappearance, but a little later he read just a paragraph referring to the "mysterious disappearance of Miss Huntington," and calling attention to the fact that as yet nothing had been learned regarding her.

He showed this to Lord Cameron, but that gentleman, wishing to spare Wallace a renewal of the old grief, made some indifferent reply, and the subject was dropped.

Preparations went steadily on for the young earl's marriage with Miss Humphrey. He had written to his mother regarding his engagement and begged that she would come to New York to be present at his wedding.

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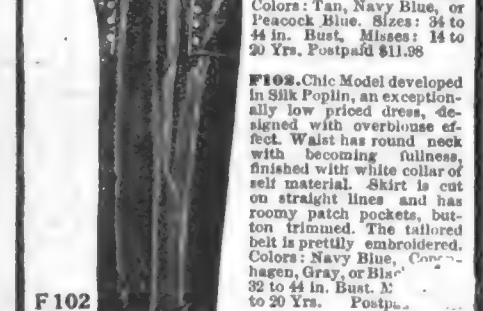
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Taking the Blue Out of Monday

By Leslie Gordon

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THE chief reason why the weekly washing day used to be called "Blue Monday" was because our forebears made a very hard job of what today is comparatively easy, if the laundry is properly equipped. Now whether you do your own washing or are fortunate enough to keep a servant who will consent to do it, or are financially able to employ a laundress, you have everything to gain by making the work as light as possible so it will neither tax your own strength unduly nor oblige your washerwoman to spend a great deal of her highly paid time at the task. It is well to remember nowadays that in the long run machinery is much cheaper than labor; so if you have a large family by all means invest in a good washing machine. Such machines are very helpful for heavy clothes, and where large washings are the rule.

Many washing machines are wood-lined, have a kneading motion and are worked by a lever or crank. Others have an inverted cone, worked by a lever, which presses down into the wet clothes and sucks the dirt up. The machine must be kept clean, free from dust and rust, and out of the weather.

Of course every laundry or kitchen where washing is done is equipped with some sort of a wringer, for this saves not only time but the clothes themselves. A good wringer lasts for years if properly taken care of. Always clean and dry it after using. A little kerosene will brighten the rubber when it becomes dull or stained, but remember that kerosene cleans by eating off a thin layer of rubber every time it is used. Oil the wringer occasionally, and, when not in use, leave the screws loose that the rolls may not become flat. Cover the wringer with a cloth to keep it clean when not in use.

The boiler may be round or oblong, stationary or portable, but should be very largely of copper, not only for the sake of greater durability but also because copper transmits heat more readily than almost any other metal.

A clothes-stick may be made of an old broomstick or can be bought with a metal-pronged end. Stationary tubs are the best, but if you do not have them you can get very serviceable portable tubs made of fibre, galvanized iron, enamel or wood.

It is a great labor saver to have the wash-bench the easiest height for the user. Thirty-six inches or less from the top of the tub to the floor is about right for the average woman. Very few housewives know the value of an ordinary whisk brush for sprinkling clothes. Try it and see what a time saver it is.

Ironing must be kept perfectly clean to give the best and quickest service. How many women there are who do not take this small precaution which saves both time and temper and smudged clothes. New irons should always be put on the stove and allowed to get heated thoroughly and then well rubbed with wax before using. Irons that are often used should be frequently scraped clean of starch, even perhaps rubbed over fine salt or washed in soap and water and dried. A plentiful use of wax is another

important requirement, though care must be taken that this is wiped off with cloth or paper before it touches the cloth. The irons with the detachable handle are the best, for they save the use and fuss of an iron holder, but they do not make the clothes any smoother than an old-fashioned iron. Of course the ideal work-saving iron is the electric, for the heat of it does not vary and it can be used continually without the delay and fatigue of trips back and forth to the stove. For the house not electrically connected, there are gas irons that do the work in the same way, and for country houses and bungalows there are irons with a small iron attachment to hold the kerosene that heats the irons without heating the house at the same time.

Make a cover of denim or calico or any stout material into which the ironing board can be slipped when not in use. This will keep the white cover clean much longer than if it is left exposed to the dust by standing uncovered in the corner of the laundry or kitchen between washings. The real labor-saver never uses old sheets for ironing-board covers as is the custom in most households, because she knows that they will quickly tear or fall away in holes. Strong muslin is none too good for the ironing-board and is the most inexpensive in the end. If this material is bought double width (seventy-two inches), only three quarters of a yard is required if the width is used for the length of the board, and it wears a very long time when a little care is taken not to burn it. There is an attachment that can be bought very cheaply that will quickly adjust any cover on an ironing-board. It consists simply of a set of strong steel hooks and a bit of firm cord. One end, of each of these hooks, is bent so that it can be secured strongly to the cover after being inserted. When all the hooks are in place along the four sides of the cover, all that is needed is to lace them up criss-cross, like a shoe, and the cover is stretched smooth and flat.

A great deal of time and trouble is saved in starching if the starch is exactly right and does not stick on the iron. The following recipe comes from a laundry noted for its fine work.

When ready to make starch, mix one and one half teaspoonfuls of starch with one half cup of cold water into a perfectly smooth paste, then add one half teaspoonful borax and one fourth teaspoonful of paraffin or two or three drops of lard. Now add, stirring constantly, one quart of boiling water just at the boiling point for twenty minutes. Strain. Follow this method and the starch will be all that your heart could desire. For gingham or percale dresses, dilute each cup of cooked starch with two cups of water and the stiffness will be just right. Shake well and hang in the shade to dry as the sun will quickly affect the color.

Dampen only a short time before ironing, folding the garments closely and spitting well between the hands to insure even spreading of the moisture. Wrap each garment separately if the colors are at all apt to run.

When ironing colored fabrics be careful not to use too hot an iron, yet it must be hot enough to smooth without blistering or sticking. A very hot iron, however, will ruin the color sooner than fifty washings. Many garments may be ironed to an advantage on the wrong side.

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given the ballot and I am glad to know that the long fight is over and we have won. God has seen fit to give you the ballot at a time when your country needs your support and the eyes of the world are on you,—the result of next year's election is awaited with breathless expectancy. I am sure you will go to the polls and conduct yourselves as intelligent, honest, womanly women and cast your first vote for the better government. The most important danger you must guard against, sisters, is allowing yourselves to be influenced by your husbands, brother or other masculine members of your household. Study the political situation yourselves and decide for yourselves how you want to vote. Do not let them convince you that they are more capable of advising you than women politicians. Think, study, plan, ask questions, attend political meetings. You have said you were as capable of voting as the men, now prove it. If you vote the way your husband does—because he does—then you are not capable of voting and our long, bitter fight for you has been in vain. We need you aid to elect men to office who will see that the law is enforced. There is a great responsibility resting on you, sisters, but I know you can be trusted to make this a better world to live in.

I want to say to you girls who have written me for advice and asked me to answer through COMFORT, that you ask for something that is not mine to give. So Sweet Sixteen, Orphan, Just a Girl, Anxious, Broken-hearted and many others, please remember that I am not the editor and have not the authority to command space in COMFORT to answer your inquiries. Would he glad to advise you and if you want me to and think my advice worth two cents, write me, enclosing a stamp and I will give you the advantage of my experience. Of course each of you thought no one else would ask for advice but many have and I cannot answer you through the paper.

Miss Pert from "way down on the Onoclea River, why didn't you sign your name? I won't let the old maids hurt you so write me again. I liked your letter. B of Goshen, received your letter. I would like to debate the marriage question with you but fear it would occupy too much space and a personal debate would give no one else the benefit of our arguments; also I am very susceptible and have no desire to be No. 18.

Rosie Lawless, if you are really wondering why I have never married I will send you my photograph and that will answer you most effectively.

Criss, if I were you I would move to some other part of the country if you have such silly men as you say down there. No man, with an ounce of brains, is going to think a girl is in love with him just because she gives him a cheerful smile and a friendly greeting.

Now by-by sisters. Don't ask me to call again because it isn't right. This is the Sisters' Corner and our editor says there isn't space to print all the letters she receives from you so if she prints mine it takes the space that otherwise would be given to some sister. So I will bid you farewell with many thanks for your kindness. GEORGE L. GARRISON.

INDIANA.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS: COMFORT came this month, a veritable budget of comfort. My mother took it when I was just a little girl and we girls used to quarrel over it to see who should have it first. I've read so many good letters in it that I feel I must add my mite of help also.

We have been married twelve years and have moved several times. Our furniture was good but marred and scratched awfully so I brushed every piece of it with lye using an old brush for the purpose. This cut the varnish off, then I took clean water and a cloth and washed the article clean. I let it dry in the sun and then sandpapered it thoroughly. Then I applied one coat of light oak stain, though any stain could be used, and after it had well dried I put on a coat of good varnish and had some furniture that looked like new. My white iron beds were scarred so I got ivory enamel and applied two coats to each bed, touching the ornaments with bronze. They look like new.

Our house was in an awful condition when we moved here. The floors were hardwood. We filled the cracks with cement and dryer mixed. When dry, we sandpapered it and applied one coat of yellow filler. After this dried we put on a coat of light oak graining color, then a coat of varnish. We put oatmeal paper on the walls downstairs and upstairs used Murexco. I use small rugs on the floors. The cost for all this was small compared with the results. Where we needed wardrobes we put up a shelf with hooks underneath and hung curtains around it. We live on a farm. I milk three and four cows,

keep one hundred and twenty-five hens. I sold one hundred dollars' worth of chickens. I enjoy farm life although the work is hard.

"I will close with a pen picture of myself. Am five feet, five inches tall, with blue eyes and brown curly hair and just pleasingly plump.

Pearl Vesey, I would like to know you. Your letters are so full of the joy of living.

Some time I'll tell of the community fair we held at the schoolhouse. E. M. M.

KENTUCKY.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON: Will you permit me to answer Milly's letter through your columns?

Milly I think I understand your case for two years ago I was in the "rut" myself. Like you, I was neither pretty nor ugly but I was bashful and silly. The first thing I did was to set to work to make myself more attractive. I was skinny with a freckled, rough, swarthy skin. I followed Katherine Booth's suggestions very closely and gained pounds and pounds until I had a figure.

Like you I had a sister who was a universal pet but unlike you I was jealous of her.

Then I watched my complexion very closely and by following the same suggestions had a beautiful clear skin in three months. The personal care you give your appearance goes a long way toward making and keeping friends. An elderly neighbor gave me my cue. "Just feel that you look as well as any one and have as good a right there." "Forget yourself in this fight; think of the comfort and happiness of others and gradually friends will come. Go with your sister more and try treating her once or twice as she has treated you. Start a pen friendship with some of COMFORT's sisters and cousins. They are willing to be your friends I am sure. Keep yourself attractive as possible; even in a tungalow apron one can be attractive if they really and truly try.

You must surely have talked to a boy five minutes in your life. But that is better than being a flirt. Just remember that men are human and are not going to eat you and talk to them. There is no reason in the world why a seemingly intelligent girl your age should not have friends. It isn't silly to want young friends but just natural.

Now dear I will leave my address with Mrs. Wilkinson and there is more I'd like to tell you if you would write to me. Your letters will be held in confidence. I haven't power to say whether you are held to your promise but I don't believe you are for God is a just God and I believe wants His children to be happy. I hope to hear from you. HAPPY NOW.

KIMBALL, S. DAK.

HELLO HOMEROLKS: I've been camping "in" instead of out for ever so long and cooking half-forgotten goodies on a six-hole range instead of over a camp fire. I didn't get a bit tired of outdoor life; in fact, I'd like to drive from coast to coast were it not for going without a garden, and I found that one may have a "home" in the true sense of the word, even where there is no house.

I promised to tell you about the sights we saw along the way. While near Alpena, S. Dak., we saw a cyclone—funnel shaped and inky black—sweep away to the east of us and our first three days in this state were spent in the shelter of a treeline.

It gave me a chance to mend and the time passed quickly. Only once did we bump our noses. One night we came to a spring about a rod from the road. There were trees around it and it showed evidence of having been an old camping ground. Being tired we were glad to eat a hearty supper and retire. Just as the kiddies were washing some very brown toes, along came a little old man wearing a fierce frown and scrubby whiskers. He loudly ordered us to begone and wouldn't listen to us at all. We drove many miles before we found a place wide enough to camp on. About midnight we saw a light and upon investigation found a farm woman who was sitting up for a belated husband. She gave us permission to camp on an unused field road. Just as we were nicely settled, her husband and another man came down there and surly asked Mr. V. several very sharp questions and marched home again. I soon fell asleep but Mr. V. stayed up till morning and we pulled out before breakfast and ate near a nice grove.

All the other people we met were fine and likely

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the ones just mentioned would have been on closer acquaintance.

I answered the personal letters of many who wrote and six of the letters were returned to me, Helen Anst, Mildred Wand, Emily Bremer, Pearl Evans, Gertrude Anderson and Henry Priebe could not be found at addresses given.

We are wintering in a six-room house, five miles from town and but eighteen miles east of the Missouri River. The land is slightly rolling but one can see for many miles. Soil is ash color with few rocks. Our well is many hundred feet deep and the water tastes salty. Crops were very good last fall and the land is expensive. On this side of the river are fine farms and on the other side, I am told, are ranches.

Well, L. T., letting your angry passions rise isn't going to change that hubby of yours and separation isn't best either. Just develop your own personality; laugh, sing and live your life as though you enjoyed it. If he insists upon arranging the furniture, let him. After all, it is his home as well as yours. I could stand a few chairs out of place better than I could a quarrel. Do not let yourself get troubled about such things—but instead do so much to please him that he will forget the pocketbook deal eventually. Life is so short that it doesn't pay to bicker over trifles that come up.

I am glad you disagree with me, Bud. Do you know, I disagree with my own self about half of the time. Disillusioned, you ask whether Pearl Vesey ever had any great trouble or disappointment—I have been husking corn beside three lively youngsters. The rows were all alike and just as long but one kiddle saw all the "nubbins" snore, top piece and bad weather; the wild-sunflowers would scratch her face and make her cross. The other two saw only the beautiful corn, the birds and rabbits, pretty stones, flocks and ducks and geese going over. They sang and laughed and kept a merry rat tat tat sounding against the throw board. Even though their mittens were through and their fingers got scratched, and their toes grew cold, they were sorry when the day was over and begged to do just one more row.

Life is like these rows, and will average up in the long run. You may get cold feet on one end but if you wear a grin on the other you will be able to hush your row without making it disagreeable for your side steppers.

P. V. likely gets her share of the hard rows for her life is now, and has been, a constant struggle against poverty, illness and disappointments. Dear ones have gone before, and sometimes her corn has failed to hit the throw board at all; and she, too, is disillusioned, but she hopes right over there and picks it up again.

Troubles and disappointments are peaky things but like cabbages and other things that grow, they need air and if you don't air 'em they just naturally wither and die. I don't like trouble so I just smother it quietly at home and forget it. I've a good "forget-tery" too, but land knows when I'd forget some of my failures and disappointments were I to air them where some of you could sympathize with me.

I've been in most of the states and in Canada, and have found that people who count their many blessings fall to see troubles at all.

I noticed a letter from Verne Ellis, Allegan, Mich., in the October COMFORT and he aired not a "troub", but I happen to know that he had to stop work entirely in 1903—rheumatism. Since December, 1910, he has existed in a ten by eleven room, even to eating his meals there, and he hasn't a home of his own either. He is in constant pain but doesn't give up, and he managed to earn a little money too. I hope you who fancy you have trouble will think of him—a young man over six feet tall, sitting year in and year out, behind one single window, and I know you will be able to see the sunny side in the future.

I don't know whose letter I like best but I know the sunny ones help most.

There are no old maids nowadays—they are all bachelor girls, and they aren't sour, long-faced girls either. About adopting kiddies—blood may count in some ways but you can very easily learn to love another's child. My mother did and I am "it." That is all tomorrow about not being able to care for them on that account, for you know that you love your husband and he isn't one of your own blood either.

Will someone tell me where I can buy an all-over apron pattern, called the "Camping Apron." It looks like a princess slip but has long sleeves and a high neck.

I wanted to discuss so many things but my letter is getting long.

I shall write a book when I get old and I'll call it "Oh, I believe I'll name it 'Homestead' after the little cabin we left back in the big woods, and I'll write and write until it's fatter than Mable Elizabeth—she's my diary.

I don't get time to read much now for I have to be tutored for the children. I am told that South Dakota is a thousand teachers short and our two nearest schools are among the "shorts" in spite of high wages offered. I am learning patience, and we have the nicest times at our home school and though we make a big game of it all I think they are doing well. We have found a fine book, on etiquette, to study and we are trying to do and be, at home, just exactly as we would wish to appear in other places.

Hereafter we will read only stories from which we can learn something, for I read aloud nearly every evening and the kiddies keep their ears open. Sometimes when Daddy returns from work he finds us a bit noisy. We also sing and Daddy has to keep time with his toes, even while he is hanging up his coat. We have found out where we can buy Boy Scout and Camp Fire Girl stories, so the coming evenings aren't worrying us a bit.

I'll send my picture some other time.

Your affectionate sister, PEARL VESSEY.

OAKLAND, MD.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON, COMFORT SISTERS AND

BROTHERS:

I entered your happy circle once before so I am coming again, being requested to do so. Indeed, I should have written before but just never did it.

Pearl Vesey, do you know I enjoyed reading your letter nearly as much as though I had been with you. But here I am talking on an entirely different subject than I am to write about.

School has started once more and I hope the teachers are having good success with their work. I will give you the rules for each day, as they are found on the question sheet of each enrolled Health Crusader.

1. I washed my hands before each meal.

2. I washed not only my face but my ears and neck and I cleaned my finger nails.

3. I tried to keep my fingers, pencils and everything that might be unclean out of my mouth and nose.

4. I drank a glass of water before each meal and before going to bed, and drank no tea, coffee nor other injurious drinks.

5. I brushed my teeth thoroughly in the morning and in the evening.

6. I took ten or more slow, deep breaths of fresh air.

7. I played outdoors or with my windows open more than thirty minutes.

8. I was in bed ten hours or more last night and kept my window open.

9. I tried today to sit up straight, to eat slowly and to attend to the toilet and each need of my body at its regular time.

10. I tried today to keep neat and cheerful constantly and to be helpful to others.

11. I took a full bath on each day of the week that is checked.

There are other rules similar to these but it would take up too much space to tell everything. Anyone desiring a more complete sketch of it can write to the National Tuberculosis Association, 381 Fourth Ave., New York, or write to me and I will give you an address in your state where you can get the things necessary to start a Health Crusader Club, as there is a State Director and distributor in every state in the Union. The Crusaders are children from six to sixteen years of age, who agree to the pledge printed on the certificate of enrollment. The one doing the most rules every day receives a badge; after he has done so many chores he receives a silver badge, then a gold pin for the highest rank.

S. C. Sheppard, come again and tell us more of your wonderful adventures. ANNA PETERSON.

Anna.—Thanks for giving us the rules of the Health Crusader Club. They could be followed to good advantage by grown-ups as well as children.—Ed.

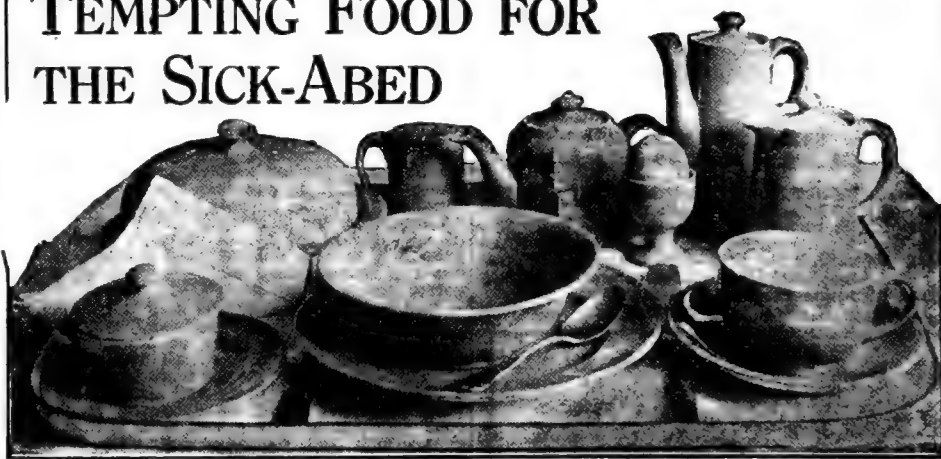
GAINESVILLE, TEXAS.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

I wish to offer my mite, a good way to make pin money, and ask help.

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TEMPTING FOOD FOR THE SICK-ABED



By Violet Marsh

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THE prettiest dishes the house affords should always be used on the invalid's tray if you would have the food sufficiently tempting to arouse the interest of the sick one, for at best the appetite is fickle and requires coaxing. Because the digestive juices are slower in starting with the sick, their drinks and food should be put into and covered with hot dishes, as heat stimulates. Another reason is, that they eat slowly and as the food cools it becomes unpalatable.

As eating a prescribed diet from a tray soon becomes monotonous, the serving is all the more important. Little surprises such as cutting an orange in two, scooping out the inside, filling it with orange jelly and putting it together again and tying a narrow ribbon around, will produce a gleam of curiosity and expectancy that makes the tray more welcome.

Eggs and milk separately, or combined, are usually included in the invalid's diet, but as both these foods lack the appetizing flavors found in fruit and vegetables, the patient soon wears of them and will dread their appearance. For this reason, ways of making these dishes more tempting must be devised, and with a degree of pains success will follow. The sick are usually allowed to take orange and lemon juice, but it must be squeezed from the fruit and then strained.

Milk should be given to the sick in small quantities and taken very slowly, for as soon as it meets the acid of the gastric juice, it changes to a soft, cheese-like substance, which will overwork the digestion if taken immoderately.

Eggs taken raw are highly advisable for the sick. But if to be cooked, put the eggs into the boiling water, cover closely and set on back of stove for about ten minutes to keep hot but not boil. Experience will teach just how long. If boiled, the white will become "leathery" before the heat reaches the yolk, rendering the whole egg indigestible. Eggs should be shelled as soon as cooked, as they will harden if they remain in the shell.

An egg cooked just below the boiling point for twenty minutes will be hard but evenly cooked. If the yolk is "mealy" the egg is digestible. A smiling face penciled on the shell before the egg is cooked will amuse your patient.

Egg Beverages

EGG ORANGEADE.—Put into a pint preserving jar the white of one egg, the juice of an orange, and one or two teaspoons of sugar. Adjust the rubber and top and shake well until mixed and foamy. Add one quarter of a cup of water and

shake again. This must be served at once. It will amuse the patient to shake the ade from the tray.

EGG GRUEL.—Beat the yolk of one egg with a teaspoon of sugar; slowly add one cup of scalding milk, then the white of egg beaten until foamy, not stiff.

EGG LEMONADE.—Into the pint preserving jar put one egg, one half cup of cold water, two tablespoons of lemon juice, and one tablespoon of sugar. Shake until well mixed and frothy.

EGGNOG.—Beat the yolk of one egg until creamy, add one tablespoonful of sugar and beat again. Flavor with a grating of nutmeg or orange rind and stir in one cup of fresh milk. Beat the white of egg stiff and lightly stir it in. Serve at once as it will settle.

EGG AND BEEF TEA.—Beat the yolk of an egg, add a small pinch of salt, and slowly pour in one cup of hot beef tea, stirring continually. Add the beaten white lastly if desired.

Other Foods for the Sick

COFFEE JUNKET.—Make lukewarm one cup of milk, stir in one teaspoon of sugar and two tablespoons of very strong coffee. Add one fourth of a junket tablet that has been dissolved in one teaspoon of cold water. Pour into an attractive glass dish to set.

APPLE SURPRISE.—Bake two tart apples in a hot oven. Scoop out of the skins and remove every particle of core. While hot, add one teaspoon of butter, a dash of cinnamon, a little grated lemon peel, and sugar to taste. Add one beaten egg, and then beat the whole mixture with the egg beater until fluffy. Put into a small bowl and bake in a very moderate oven until set. Serve hot or cold with a little orange or prune juice.

BAKED CRACKER TOAST.—Split two milk biscuits and toast a light brown in the oven. Dip very quickly into boiling salted water. Butter generously, spread with marmalade or preserve, put into an even pile and thoroughly heat through in the oven just before serving.

CUSTARD CREAMS.—Bring one cup of milk to a scald in a double boiler, add one fourth cup of sugar, and stir in one slightly rounding tablespoon of corn-starch previously wet with a little cold water, and a pinch of salt. Stir continually and cook about eight minutes. Beat the white of one egg stiff and over it pour the custard, beating until the separate particles of white have disappeared. The heat of the custard will cook the white of egg.

APRICOT SURPRISE.—Butter a bowl, and into it put a thin slice of bread and butter, then a layer of stewed and sweetened apricot. Cover this with a slice of bread and butter, and sprinkle the top with brown sugar. Bake in a hot oven until the brown sugar has melted and partly candied. Dot with a little whipped cream. This is delicious and tempting in appearance.



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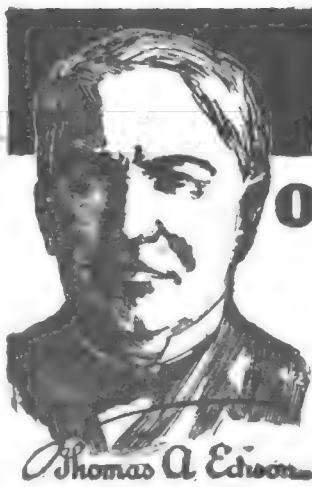
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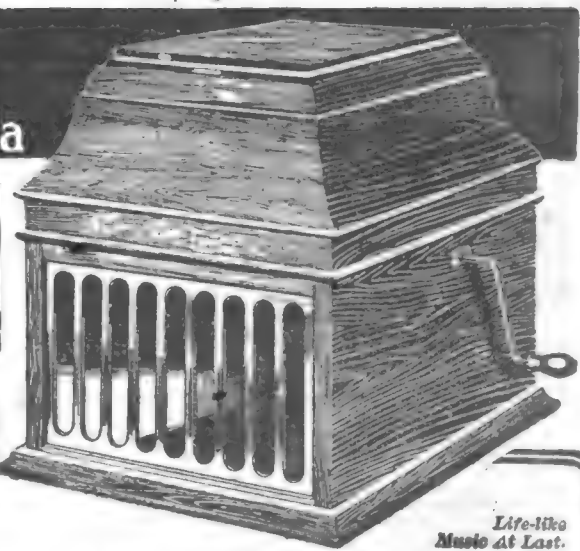
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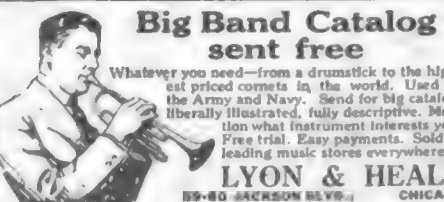
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Fortunes Founded Through Luck

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ROBERT Louis Stevenson's greatest piece of luck was the old map of an island he turned up in a garret one day. The bit of parchment had a strange fascination for him—and suggested "Treasure Island," his most successful literary effort, of which the map is a frontispiece.

Theodore N. Vail, president of the American

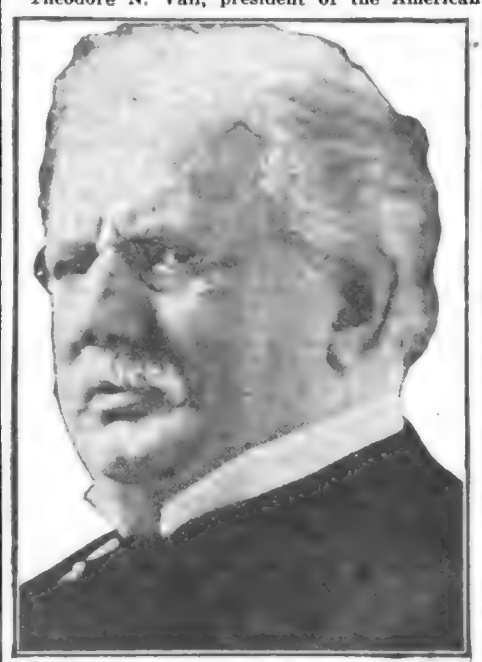


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THEODORE N. VAIL.

Telephone & Telegraph Company, and some thirty other corporations, owes his luck also to a map. "I made a map of Iowa," he told me once, "and almost straightaway it brought me success."

Comfort Sisters' Corner

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 19.)

My husband's health was poor and as we have a large family it was necessary that I earn money. I tried many things but failed until I thought of baby clothes. I did all kinds of fancy work, but pretty baby things were my delight so I advertised in our home paper and found many mothers willing to turn their tiny garments over to me. I am never so happy as when making baby clothes, and almost any woman can do this.

Will someone tell me a good remedy for weak eyes? Won't other sisters tell of their adventures in earning money?

With love to all,
MRS. HOPE LANE.

Mrs. Lane.—Making baby things is about the most fascinating work I know of but your weak eyes may be caused by too close application to your work. Consult an oculist, wear glasses if necessary, and do not sew by a poor light.—Ed.

OKLAHOMA.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:
Please admit me, a man, to reply to Udeyne whose letter appeared in the November issue. I find Udeyne says most men are selfish creatures. I haven't seen any wings on any of the sisters yet.

I will affirm that women as a race are more deceitful and more treacherous than men and I believe that women as a rule have more "gall and brass" than a man and think the general public will agree with me there. I know that a good woman is the greatest treasure a man could possibly possess and he should appreciate her more and more and be satisfied if he never had anything but her. I know we men are all subject to wrong and do wrong but still the women as a rule are all in the same row.

Come again Rainy Day. I admire you. I think you should call yourself Rosebud, June Rose or something sweet instead of a dreary rainy day. I am sure you deserve a better name.

Love to all.
KNOT HEAD.

Knot Head.—Mebbe we deserve all you say about us, mebbe so, and it is only fair that the men should have an equal opportunity of expressing their opinions, but I tremble when I think of your fate at the hands, and pens, of the sisters. I commend you to their mercy.—Ed.

PENNSYLVANIA.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:
May I come in? How glad I am, for I've kept silent so long I'm just boiling over.

Celia Jolly, let's shake hands for our husbands must have met each other to get the same views of making love instead of quarreling. We have been married twelve years and all the years have been happy ones. Our motto is "Be reasonable and loving."

Bachelor Bill, shame on you, paying your wife wages as though she were a servant. You and I could not agree as I think a wife should be equal. We have only one pocketbook and each does the spending.

Would you like to know me a little better? Well, here I am. Five feet, four inches tall, weigh 100 pounds. Have dark brown hair, brown eyes, even white teeth, a dimple in my left cheek and am of a dark complexion. As I said before, I have one of the best Johns ever and five little V's, Velma, ten, Virg, eight, Victor, six, Virginia, three, and Volt, nine months old and the dearest ever.

I had very poor health after my second child was born and did not walk for six months but God took care of me and I am able to do my work as well as the sewing for myself and children. Until now, with the exception of an overcoat, I have made all of the oldest boy's clothes but he is getting too big to wear clothes made from his daddy's worn-out ones. I also find time for crocheting and other fancy work. But I never hurry. We make a great mistake when we hurry and worry. If I don't get all my work done today it goes until the next and nobody is the worse off.

Sisters, did you ever try folding the towels, dish towels, sheets, diapers and such like right off the line into a basket? It saves much labor. I used to think every tiny piece of cloth had to be ironed but when a person is down and out they will do lots of things to gain a little strength and I find it pays to take care of yourself.

Children make lots of work but one little hug and kiss pays for it all. I believe in teaching them to help. Velma and Virg can wash dishes and scrub as well as I can and even Victor does what falls to his lot, but I don't believe in making them work too hard or keep them at one thing all the time. I wash dishes when I can and let them play and then when I am grumbling and without pennies. I do not believe in paying them to do their work.

Have any of you the poem, "When Father Rode the Goat?" I'd like to get it.

I will leave my address with Mrs. Wilkinson.

CONTENT.

Content and Others.—I don't want to be selfish and unoblivious but I wish in cases where there is nothing very personal in the letter—no heart-throb stuff—that the writer would give her name and address, if she wants letters forwarded. It would save hours and hours of my time in looking up addresses.—Ed.

Theodore Newton Vail, one of our most prominent and successful captains of industry, grew up in Ohio, studied medicine with an uncle in Morristown, N. J., and then went home, to Iowa, to which State his parents had removed. He gave up medicine for telegraphy, his first job being as operator in an Iowa village. Then he was promoted to the railway mail service, in those days run in a slipshod way, the mails never being sorted and made up *en route*.

And now we come to the map talisman.
"I began, after this promotion," continued Mr. Vail, "to study the State of Iowa. I learned all the lines of railroads, all the post offices, the running time of all the mail trains, and then I made a map of Iowa and marked off hours when the mail could be delivered quickest. I soon was delivering my mail with almost perfect connections and therefore delivering it quicker than anyone else."

"That map," concluded Mr. Vail, "landed me on the road to success, for in some way it came to the attention of the Federal authorities at the Capitol, and in 1873 I was appointed assistant superintendent of the Railway Mail Service, and in 1875 general superintendent."

In 1878 Mr. Vail was asked by Gardner C. Hubbard, Professor Bell's father-in-law, to become general manager of his telephone company at \$3,500 a year. In those days the telephone was scarcely better than a toy, but Mr. Vail was confident of its success. Taking up his new duties with enthusiasm, he soon had long-distance wires operating, though his first attempt failed, bringing jeers from the doubting Thomases.

Reminiscing about the Boston-Providence line that failed—Vail's Folly, as it was called, Mr. Vail said:

"With the same perseverance with which I made my crude railroad map of Iowa, I kept my engineers at it. They doubled the wires and our troubles were over! We had established the metallic circuit and the long-distance line."

"That is why I always remember my lucky map of Iowa. If I had not made that, I'd never have been assistant head of the Railway Mail Service, nor would Hubbard have known of me and made me manager of the telephone company in the days when it was a joke. That map was my luck—my mascot!"

All of which only goes to show that good, honest, conscientious work is seldom wasted. The world has its eyes wide open for such work, and the boy or man who does it seldom, in the long run, has to charge it to the Profit & Loss account.

It pays to study your job!

SHERIDAN, Birney Star Route, Wyo.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:
A year ago my sister, Mrs. Edna Newinger, contracted the deadly flu and we lost her. Among her things I found some crocheting which I think some one sent her to sell for them. I have been unable to find the owner so am turning to this corner thinking perhaps it might belong to some reader of COMFORT. Both she and my mother took this paper and wrote to some of the sisters at different times. If this meets the eye of the one who did the crocheting and they will write me I will be glad to return it to them. Or there is a possibility the lace was sent to my mother, Mrs. Jacob Geier, who died a few months before my sister. Either of them would have liked to have the lace returned to the owner and I hope I may find her through COMFORT. In writing please describe the design.

Sincerely,
MINNIE M. MOORE.

DUMAS, ARK.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:
This is my first attempt to write to COMFORT or any other paper and I feel as though I was being watched and can hear someone say, "You won't get in." I think COMFORT the best paper of all and you can believe me when I tell you I have been reading it twenty odd years and aim to renew my subscription for two years.



ELBY RAY AND SHELBY FAY GASAWAY, DUMAS, ARK.

Mrs. Wilkinson, I hope you will find room for the picture of my twin boys. They were four years old when this was taken but are ten now and can pick one hundred and fifteen pounds of cotton a day. Their names are Elby Ray and Shelby Fay and we call them Ray and Fay.

A COMFORT Reader, **MRS. D. C. GASAWAY.**

ISLAND FALLS, R. R. 1, MAINE.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:
Although I have read COMFORT a number of years I have never attempted to enter the Sisters' Corner before. My mother has taken COMFORT ever since she kept house and as soon as I got into a home of my own it became a member of the family. That was eleven years ago.

We live on a 240-acre farm in Arrostook county. A great many of the readers do not know what work means but if they lived on a farm where they planted from twenty to one hundred acres of potatoes and forty or fifty acres of oats, besides wheat, and a woman had to be jack of all trades, doing the work in the house for a family of seven, putting in the garden and caring for it, and raking at haying time and milking from three to five cows every night, then is the time that a woman has to take some quick steps.

As I like to have the sisters describe themselves I will do the same. I am a young mother of four youngsters, three boys and one girl. Am five feet, three inches tall and weigh 112 pounds so you see I am small as well as young. My children range in age from ten years to 18 months.

It seems as though among the vast numbers of readers I should be able to find a grandmother. I would like to have live with us a nice gentle little woman about 60 or 55 years of age who would be willing to help with the darning and patching and little chores in the family, one who has good health, but no relatives and no home of her own and who would like to live on a good farm with good surroundings and have a peaceful home. My husband and I have a deep regard for old age and when health failed she would get the best of care and attention. Please write to me.

MRS. O. H. ADAMS.

GEORGIA.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:
Just a few words to "Worried Mother" about her boy. I wonder if she, like myself, tried force with her son, until at last she has decided to try patient kindness to the utmost. I find my boy will study more for me if I compliment his work. From complete

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Driven Apart

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van and its scattered load, the smoke was billowing about it. Falling brands had set fire to some of the released contents of the trunks. Hardly thinking of self, he crept resolutely into the hall of smoke.

Soon, guided by his intuition, he was among the scattered papers. Some of them were afire, and he could not see to catch the merest word on any of them. In the midst of his despair the wind tossed aside the smoke clouds and left him free to use eyes and hands to some purpose.

He picked up packet after packet, only to cast each aside with a hasty glance. At last he picked up one charring bundle, and gave a fierce cry of joy as he read the written words: "Papers Concerning the Grayson Affair."

As he lifted himself erect and slipped the small bundle into his pocket, the crack of a firearm pierced the roaring crackle of devouring flame and a bullet whizzed past his face.

Nell had been mistaken for one of the human vultures whose cupidity led them into deadly peril! Ere another shot could be fired, perhaps with more telling effect, the friendly smoke once more swept around him and hid him from view. Turning with the precious bundle safely in his pocket, Nell effected his escape to Union Square, where he threw himself, exhausted but exultant, on the hard ground.

Surely there was a providence in all this! A higher power must be watching over the fortunes of his sweet bride, or such a chance would never have come Nell's way.

As the verse of the stirring song that had swept through Portsmouth Square had inspired his hope and faith, so now this bit of fortune lent wings to Nell's drooping confidence. The Power that could so befriended his darling would shield her under its mighty pinions, and he and she should meet, in happier times, in love and safety.

For an hour he rested, then formed in line and received a draft of water and a slender ration of food which the soldiers were dispensing. Then he set himself to think what had best be done with the precious papers which had come so wonderfully into his possession.

He feared to carry them about with him, for, if they were what he hoped and believed, their value went into the hundreds of thousands. They represented the undoing of Berdyne, as well as the wealth and station of poor, wronged Beryl, who had been compelled to toil through another's iniquity.

Ah, yes, those papers meant even more than that! Once his darling was restored to what was rightfully hers, Nell's proud relatives would kneel to do her homage.

"What will not wealth do?" Nell thought bitterly. "My peerless Beryl, whom I loved for herself, will take a different station in the eyes of the world when she comes into her own. For myself I do not care; possessing her love, I am rich beyond the dreams of avarice. Yet I would have her on a social level with the rest of my purse-proud family; yea, I would have them at her feet, begging her favor!"

He could think of but one person in that hour who had the facilities to care for the papers as they should be cared for. His cousin, Arthur Preston, of Nob Hill, had a fireproof safe in his residence. Arthur would guard the papers, Nell knew. Not yet was Nob Hill in danger of the flames, and it might escape them altogether; yet, even if it did not, the papers would be safe in the vault where the silver and the other household valuables were stored.

It was eight o'clock in the evening when Nell, his course luridly lighted by the fire, left Union Square for his long walk to the aristocratic residence district of the doomed city. A surprise was awaiting him there.

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Avenues That Lead to Thrift

By Estelle Garland

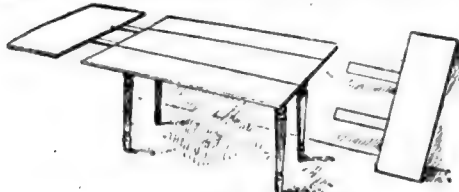
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WITH most women there exists in the mind a constant desire to get all they can from whatever material is at hand and to use such materials instead of putting money into the purchase of something no better, even if a little newer in style. We always like to hear the remark, "It answers the purpose," for it has a satisfactory ring, showing the effort has not been in vain.

In the following "avenues" we hope many an individual need will be filled, and that in the working out the results will prove that it was time well spent.

Table Extension

An ordinary drop-leaf kitchen table may have an extension at one or both ends that will greatly increase its seating capacity. When not required, it is easily removed. Use the same thickness of boards from which the table is made. Cut the extensions the exact width of



CAN MAKE IT YOURSELF.

table when the leaves are up, and as deep as required; about one foot is practicable. Cut two strips four inches wide, seven eighths of an inch thick, and two and a half feet long. Screw the strips to the underside of extension so they will come just inside of the framework of the table, where well-fitting slots are cut, through which the strips are pushed to hold the extension level and secure.

Unique Book-Rack

The foundation of this book-rack was made from an old organ stool. The top is removed and a post filled into the socket. Cut a top eight inches wide by twenty long. Make the two ends and two section pieces five inches high.



Picture Frame Tray

An old picture frame makes a very attractive tray; oval, square or oblong. Small tubes of bronze will restore a gilt frame, and bronze handles can be bought at a small cost. Wooden



ENTIRELY HOME-MADE.

frames should be sandpapered, then stained and varnished, or just the dull finish which is obtained by the staining itself. If wooden handles are unobtainable, use brass ones. Under the glass mount a piece of embroidery, a pretty pattern of crocheted fillet, a bright cretonne design, or a piece of handsome wallpaper.

Handy Clothes Sprinkler

A clothes sprinkler is not new, but perhaps a home-made one is. Use any of the tin screw-topped bottles or jars that various kinds of preserves come in, and pierce the top with fine holes, not larger than those in a pepper shaker. It will be necessary to put a rubber band onto top of jar before adjusting the top. Another device is to use a bottle and large-sized rubber nipple, piercing the nipple full of holes. This is best done by using a red-hot wire, which will leave an opening, while if only pierced cold, the hole will close and prevent the water shaking through. The device is also useful for spraying plants.



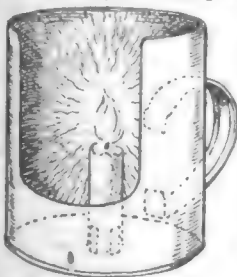
Broom or Mop Holder

The life of a broom is doubled if it rests in a holder when not in use. When the broom-ends have become turned to one side by being stood in the corner, the broom sweeps hard, does poor work and breaks quickly. A simple device by which a broom may be hung is to put long nails or screws through two large spoons, and just far enough apart to prevent the broom from slipping through. Dipping a broom in scalding water several times a week also lengthens the life of the broom, keeping it pliable and prevents breaking. The mop should also be hung after being dried out of doors. If put away wet, it will sour and rust the holder.



Convenient Candle Holder

A tin can makes the best kind of a candle holder. Trim the top edge evenly, cut an opening down one side as shown in illustration, and turn over the edges to make them round and even. Cut two narrow strips of tin; about a quarter of an inch wide and two and a half long. In the bottom of the tin, at the center scratch a circle the size of a candle. On each side of the circle, punch four openings and insert the strips of tin, bringing the other ends up through at the opposite side of circle. Bend each of the four ends upright and a socket for the candle is formed. For the handle, cut a strip of tin and turn under the edge. In the back of candle holder, cut two slits horizontally,

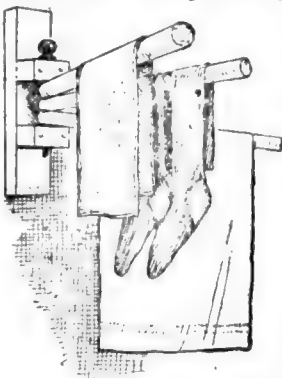


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and the width of the handle, one exactly beneath the other. Put the ends of the handle through these slits, turning them back about one inch in opposite directions. Paint outside of candle holder. If a soldering outfit is at hand, a circle of tin soldered together and into the bottom for the socket, and the handle soldered into place, the work is easier.

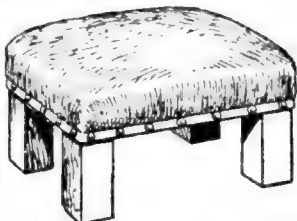
Towel Rack

There are never hanging racks enough for towels, aprons, dusters, etc. With practically no cost, several may be made to hang in different places. Take old broom handles, cut into three lengths, and in one end of each bore a hole through which the discarded pin of an old door hinge will easily work. Cut a solid piece of wood about seven inches long, two inches wide and one inch thick. Near the bottom, nail a small block the width of strip, and above this nail another block of the same size, leaving sufficient space between blocks to admit thickness of the three pieces of broom handles; bore perpendicularly through both blocks a hole to fit the hinge pin. Now place the bored broom-handle ends between the blocks so that the holes will all come in line, and then slip the pin through, and you have a handy rack. A large wire nail may be used in place of pin.



Stool or Foot Rest

One of the newest models in a footstool can readily be made at home. It is also a piece of furniture which children enjoy. It can be made any height, but twelve inches high and wide, by twenty-four long, are satisfactory dimensions. Make a fairly heavy frame, with legs about four inches square, so that it cannot be easily tipped. Underneath the "box" which is formed by the frame, tack strong bagging. Fill with excelsior or straw, put in smoothly and firmly. On top of this put layers of cotton, or an old piece of comforter can be used. Cover with strong material such as denim or cretonne. Around the lower edge of frame, on the outside, tack upholsterer's braid, or use a narrow strip of the same material as cover.



STRONG AND USEFUL.

The Two-Part Door

A door in two parts is a blessing to the mother who must be caring for the little ones at the same time she is attending to her household duties. Besides the care of having the children always in the kitchen until the work is done, there is the attending fear from drafts and other unavoidable exposures. The half door, that is, the door cut in two parts just above the lower panels, with the lower half bolted, and the upper half open, allows the mother to see and hear all that goes on inside the adjoining room. Another feature that will strongly recommend itself to mothers is that this plan allows the little ones not yet able to walk about, to roll on a comforter, spread for this purpose on the floor, instead of being tied in a high-chair where no physical development is taking place. Indeed, too much high-chair has caused many a weak and bent spine.



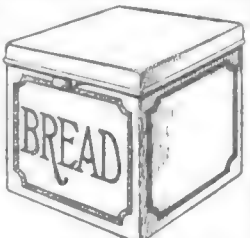
Baby Tender

An ingenious device by which a child may receive healthful physical exercise and learn to walk at the same time is within the reach of every mother. As shown in the illustration, an ordinary kitchen chair was used. The legs should be cut off so that the seat will form a comfortable resting place for the little arms. This is a very important feature, as it must not be high enough to raise the shoulders. It is well to make a thin covering for the chair, as baby's arms may not have other protection. Use a set of good casters in chair legs.



Food Containers

Make yourself a row of attractive containers for dry groceries by decorating tin boxes and cans. Automobile paint does the best work as it adheres perfectly to the tin, applies smoothly and dries in a few hours. It also has the virtue of washing perfectly. Cracker boxes with hinged covers which close tightly will keep bread, doughnuts, cookies and cake in good condition and are much easier to handle than the old-fashioned stone crock.



PREVENTS SPOILAGE.

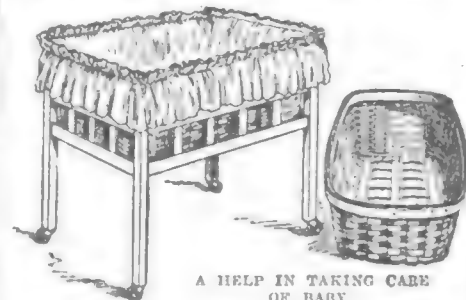
Bassinet Resting on Frame

An ordinary clothes basket makes an ideal bassinet for babe-in-arms, and offers a way and means by which an infant may always be under a protecting eye, for the basket is easily carried about and can be deposited on two chairs (seats facing), on a table, or even on the floor, providing it is sheltered from drafts or open windows.

The first illustration shows the completed bassinet resting on a frame-work, constructed for the purpose. This frame has no floor on which the basket rests, but instead the strips of wood

from which the lower part of frame is built are wide enough to form inside shelves along the sides and across the ends. The basket when in place rests on these shelves.

The basket is covered inside with white cot-



A HELP IN TAKING CARE OF BABY.

ton cloth, and then relined on the inside with fully dotted muslin. The same finish is given the outside if the frame is not to be used. Hanging from top edge of basket is a deep valance. A pillow of curled hair or one of feathers is used as a mattress. Use little if any extra pillow under baby's head which should be kept on a level with its body. The bassinet makes an excellent bed, providing there is ample protection against the night chill.

To Extract Corks

When a cork gets pushed into a bottle while still in use, thread a button on a strong string, drop the button under the cork and pull it to top of bottle, and hold it firmly with the left hand while with the right the cork can be picked out with a corkscrew or hat pin.

Discarded inner tubes always have some places that are unbroken, and these make the best kind of rubber bands. Hold the tube with edges even and cut through both sides at once any width desired. Very narrow ones are the most elastic and are strong enough for any ordinary purpose.

In case of sickness, prevent the noise of closing doors by putting a small pad over the bolt in lock and holding it in place by tying to the door-knob on both sides.

To Guard Against Poison

If there is a bottle of poison in the house, besides labeling it as such, insert four pins in opposite directions in the cork. This device cannot be improved upon, for no one can draw the cork, even in the dark, without being reminded that it is something to be careful of.



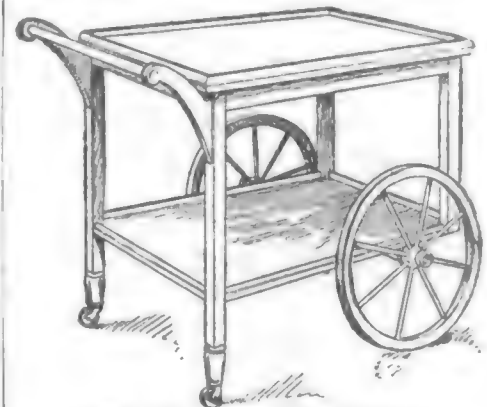
Kitchen Wagon

A portable table or tray is a device of great assistance to any busy housewife, for it saves many a step and many a carry. Probably the first use for such a servitor was the tea-wagon, from which English ladies served their national drink, afternoon tea. When the first tea-wagon was used in America I do not know, but true it is that today it is much appreciated, and its use has been extended from merely a place to hold afternoon dainties to that of waitress, to

carry at one time a large portion, if not all, of a meal from kitchen to dining-room, and on its return to take back the remaining food and dishes. And thus the possibilities of such a wagon cannot prove other than an asset to the progressive housewife who is ever regretful of the time consumed in fetching and carrying a few things at a time from room to room. And as we have so improved upon the use of the tea-wagon, let us also improve upon its name, and call it the "kitchen-wagon."

The design of our new kitchen-wagon is so clearly shown in the illustration that little need be said in explanation of its construction and use. It is in fact a small table so mounted on two wheels and equipped with a push-handle as to serve as an indoor push-cart operated on the wheelbarrow principle.

The front legs are cut short so not to reach the floor. The wheels are so located, forward of the center but not at the extreme front, that



SAVES TIME, STEPS AND BACKACHE.

they carry the larger part of the weight, taking care, however, to place them far enough forward to avoid danger of tipping forward when the table is unevenly loaded. The two rear legs are mounted on casters, preferably ball-bearing, and are of such length that, when resting on the floor, the table top will be level. A bracket extends backward from each side of the table top and through the ends of these is passed a bar (broomstick answers the purpose) to serve as a push-handle.

The cart can be pushed or pulled forward or backward resting on the wheels and casters, or, by lifting on the push-handle, the rear legs can be raised from the floor so that the cart will travel on the wheels exclusively; which is desirable in turning a short corner or passing over the edge of a rug.

The table should be about thirty inches high, of convenient length, say two to three feet, and of such width as to allow ample clearance for the wheels in passing through doorways.

The kitchen cart is easy of home construction. If you haven't a small table suitable for the purpose you can make one. Most any small wheels, readily obtainable, will do; or perhaps the home artisan can make a pair. Rubber tires are a desirable addition and can be cut from old automobile tires or inner tubes and cemented on the rims.

Make a shelf about fifteen inches from the floor, and around it tack a seven-eighths quarter-round moulding to prevent dishes from sliding to floor. If the top is to serve more than one purpose, make the protecting moulding for the

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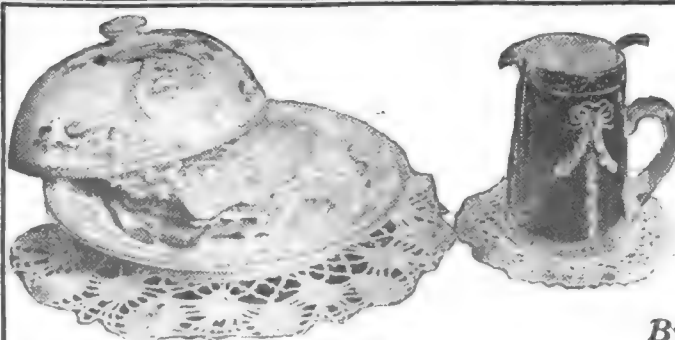
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GRIDDLE CAKES AND MAPLE SYRUP.

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THE housewife who has substituted maple for cane sugar during the days of conservation will welcome the coming of the new crop, for she discovered that for many purposes it is superior to any other sweetening. Of course every one knew, who has ever tried it, that with griddle cakes maple syrup has no rival, but it required a shortage of granulated sugar to sharpen our appreciation. In reality, maple sugar comes of a very old and honorable lineage, for in the homes of our forefathers it was used for all purposes and even now there are remote parts in the North where "white sugar" is little seen.

MAPLE CREAM.—Boil two thirds cup of maple syrup until it "threads," and then in a fine stream pour it over the stiffly beaten white of one egg, beating continuously. When cool, beat in one half cup of cream that has been beaten fairly stiff. Serve cold as a sauce for sponge cakes, boiled rice, etc.

MAPLE CAKES.—Cream together one cup of maple sugar, which has been rolled fine, and one half cup of butter. Add one beaten egg, three tablespoons of good molasses one half cup of sour milk, and one scant teaspoon of salt, and beat hard. Sift together one teaspoon of soda and two and one half cups of flour, and then mix with two and one half cups of oatmeal. Add to mixture, beat and stir very thoroughly and bake in drop cakes in a fairly quick oven.

MAPLE CUSTARD SANDWICHES.—Roll fine one half cup of maple sugar and beat with four lightly beaten eggs. Add a quarter of a teaspoon of salt and two and one half cups of scalding hot milk. Beat hard and pour into custard cups, and set into a baking pan with a little water in the bottom. Bake in a moderate oven until a knife will come out clean when inserted. Do not bake too long. When cold, turn out onto individual dishes and cover with "maple cream" or a sauce made from whipping cream and maple syrup together.

MAPLE TOAST.—Toast bread to a golden brown in the oven. Butter, spread with maple sugar, give it a dash of cinnamon, and return toast to oven until the sugar melts.

MAPLE FILLING.—Boil together one and one half cup of sugar and one fourth of a cup of water until it "threads." Beat to a stiff froth two egg whites, and in a fine stream pour over the syrup, beating continuously. Add one half cup of chopped nut meats and one teaspoon of vanilla, and spread between layer cake before it "sets."

A GOOD SYRUP.—When it is necessary to extend the maple flavor, use caramelized granulated sugar. Put one cup of sugar in a saucepan on the back of the stove where it will melt very slowly.

When it becomes a light brown color, add one cup of maple sugar and one half cup of boiling water, and when it boils and the maple is melted, remove from fire. For a richer syrup, add one teaspoon of butter and one of vanilla. Maple syrup is used in the same way.

GRIDDLE CAKES.—Two cups of sifted flour, sifted again with one even teaspoon of soda, and one half teaspoon salt. Beat into the flour until smooth, two cups of sour milk, add the well-beaten yolks of two eggs and then the whites beaten stiff. Cook on a hot griddle greased with a piece of salt pork held with a fork. Turn when full of bubbles.

BREAD GRIDDLE CAKES.—Soak over night two cups of fine corn or brown bread-crumbs in two cups of scalding milk and one tablespoon of butter. In the morning stir smooth, add the well-beaten yolks of two eggs, one quarter of a cup of cold milk, and one cup of flour sifted with two even teaspoons of baking powder, and when smooth add the well-beaten whites of eggs.

Macaroni and How to Use It

Let us not overlook macaroni as a nutritious and economical food. Formerly we associated the entire family, macaroni, spaghetti and vermicelli, with Italy, where it became famous for excellence and variety, but now, thanks to American industry, we have the Made-in-America product which stands the test of comparison.

History points out that centuries ago macaroni was made and eaten in Asia, and that travelers journeying westward brought the news of this valuable product. Following the lead of Italy, the French began to manufacture macaroni, and in course of time Japan was making it from beans and buckwheat, and China from rice and the pith of a certain tree. Two products, one made from milk curd, and the other from egg and wheat, find great favor with the Italians.

The American macaroni is practically all made from wheat containing a large percentage of gluten, and this is chiefly grown in the semi-arid parts of our own western states. This particular class of wheat is less valuable for milling purposes, but is the more nourishing because of its large gluten content.

The first step in preparing wheat for macaroni is to grind it into a coarse meal-like consistency and remove the bran. This is called semolina, which in turn is mixed into a paste with hot water and a dough is formed by mechanical methods. Here the mixture is put into cylinders, and forced through perforations of requisite sizes respectively for macaroni, spaghetti or vermicelli.

USING MAPLE SUGAR

By Violet Marsh

The first process of drying is a partial evaporation of moisture in a current of hot air. It is then subjected to a damp atmosphere for a period of time that only the experienced can determine, and finally hung to dry over rods.

Cooking Macaroni

Being so nearly flavorless by itself, macaroni affords a background for many a delicious and substantial meal. It combines with meat, eggs, fish, milk, cheese, and highly flavored vegetables. Macaroni must first be well cooked, and this is an easy matter. Break one quarter of a pound package into shorter lengths, and put it into three pints of boiling water to which one rounding tablespoon of salt has been added. It is well to add the macaroni a little at a time so the water will not stop boiling, as this causes the macaroni to become sticky. Boil until soft, which will take about thirty minutes. Drain in a colander at once and cool by pouring cold water over it. Slow cooking will cause it to steam and become sticky. This applies to cooking macaroni, spaghetti or vermicelli.

BAKED SPAGHETTI AND SALMON.—Melt one tablespoon of butter in a baking dish, and sprinkle with about a quarter of a cup of bread-crumbs. In alternate layers use one cup of canned salmon and two cups of cooked spaghetti, sprinkling each layer with salt, pepper and a little chopped green pepper. Sprinkle with bread-crumbs, pour over one and one half cup of milk and dot with butter. Bake until brown.

BAKED MACARONI.—Make a white sauce by putting two tablespoons of butter in a saucepan where it will melt without browning. When it bubbles, add two tablespoons of dry flour and stir smooth. Have ready a pint of milk brought to the scalding point in a double boiler. Add nearly a cup of the milk and stir until it is smooth and then the remainder. Cook slowly about five minutes, adding one tablespoon of butter, salt and pepper to taste. Put boiled macaroni into a shallow baking dish, pour over the white sauce, sprinkle with fine bread-crumbs and bake until the top browns.

BAKED MACARONI AND CHEESE.—Put boiled macaroni and white sauce sprinkled with grated or finely cut cheese in layers in shallow baking dish, with bread-crumbs softened with butter and sprinkled with cheese on top, and bake until brown.

SPAGHETTI AND TOMATO.—Mince an onion and slowly brown in one tablespoon of butter. Add one tablespoon of dry flour and stir until smooth. Pour over this two cups of cooked and strained tomato, and when thoroughly blended set where it will simmer for half an hour. Season with salt and pepper. Pour over the boiled spaghetti and cook for five minutes.

MACARONI CROQUETTES.—Boil one third of a pound of macaroni, drain, set in cold water ten minutes and drain again. Cut into small pieces. Into a saucepan put four even tablespoons of butter, and when it bubbles, smooth in two tablespoons of dry flour. Pour slowly into this one cup of scalding hot milk, stirring continually. Now beat in two dessert spoons of grated cheese and when thoroughly melted and beaten in, add to the mixture three beaten egg yolks and season with salt and pepper to taste. When cold, shape into cakes or croquettes, roll in fine cracker-crumbs, then in egg and again in crumbs. Fry in deep fat.

MACARONI, SOUTHERN STYLE.—Boil one quarter of a pound of macaroni in salted boiling water. Drain and plunge drainer and macaroni in cold water for a few seconds. Cook half a can of tomatoes twenty minutes and put through strainer. Cook one tablespoon of butter with one of dry flour until it is smooth and bubbles, then slowly add the strained tomato, and salt and pepper to taste. Simmer ten minutes and put in the macaroni, reserving three quarters of a cup. Scald one cup of milk, add one cup of bread-crumbs, three quarters of a cup of cooked chicken or ham chopped fine, one even teaspoon of salt, a little chopped parsley and green pepper, season well with white pepper, add the reserved macaroni and thoroughly stir together; lastly add three well-beaten eggs, and when thoroughly mixed in, make the mixture into cakes, place in a greased baking tin and bake brown in a moderately hot oven. Arrange cakes around the edge of a platter, bring the macaroni and tomato to a boil and pour into center of dish and arrange boiled onions over the top.

MACARONI, SOUTHERN STYLE—A ONE-DISH MEAL.

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CARROTS.—Boil until tender, pare and cut into dice. Toss in melted butter, season with salt and pepper, and a little cream. Serve hot.

PEAS.—Drain peas, put into double boiler with butter, pepper and salt, and when scalding hot they are ready to serve. Canned peas should not be cooked.

PEACH RICE CREAM.—Wash one half cup of rice in several waters. In a double boiler put three cups of fresh milk, and when scalding hot add the rice, three quarters of a cup of sugar, and a scant half teaspoon of salt. Cook until the rice is soft, stirring frequently until the rice kernels no longer settle together. Add one cup of canned peach that has been mashed fine and

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cook with the rice ten minutes. Soak one rounding tablespoon of granulated gelatine in one quarter of a cup of cold water and add to rice. Stir until well mixed and allow the mixture to cool. Whip one cup of cream. Beat the white of one egg until stiff, stir it well into the whipped cream and then add the mixture to the rice. Pour into mould and, when set, turn out and garnish with sections of whole peach, and serve with sauce made as follows:

SAUCE.—Bring peach juice to a boil with a little grated orange and lemon rind and sugar to taste. Slightly thicken with corn-starch previously wet with cold water. Cook three minutes.

MOCK DUCK.—In about three slices have stale bread enough to make one pint of crumbs, and quickly dip each slice into cold water and let it stand until the bread is just dampened through. Make into crumbs. Chop fine one tablespoon each of onion and celery, one tart apple, and add one scant teaspoon each of thyme, ground sage and marjoram. Have ready one pint of hot mashed potato, and stir it into the other ingredients, and add one rounding teaspoon of salt and a scant quarter of a teaspoon of white pepper. Make the whole mixture very hot in a frying-pan with three tablespoons of fat, remove from fire and beat in rapidly the unbeaten yolks of two eggs. Spread over a slice of round beefsteak, cut one inch thick, roll closely and the several times. Roll in flour and roast until brown, basting often.

COMBINATION DISH.—Cook half a cup of hominy in all the water it will absorb; remove from fire, add one cup of dried beef cut into small pieces, and stir. Make a sauce from one and a half cup of milk, two tablespoons of butter and one of flour. Cut into small, thin slices, one potato, one carrot and an onion. Fill baking dish in layers; hominy and meat, sprinkling of vegetables and a covering of sauce, repeating until all is used. Sprinkle each layer with salt and pepper, and the top with bread-crumbs. Cover and bake one hour; remove cover and brown.

POTATO-RABBIT.—Put one half cup of milk into a double boiler and when scalding hot add three tablespoons of butter, a little cayenne pepper, one half teaspoon of salt and one cup of mashed potato. Cook about ten minutes and then add three quarters of a cup of cheese. Stir continually, and when the cheese is melted, spread on thin slices of buttered toast.

VEGETABLE ROAST.—Beat one egg, add one half cup of milk or cream, two thirds cup of toasted bread-crumbs, one half cup of chopped nut meats, one large carrot and potato cooked and mashed, one half cup of finely chopped celery, a little sage, and salt to taste. Mix well together, shape into a loaf and roll in toasted bread-crumbs. Bake nearly one hour.

Comfort's League of Cousins

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where we would land with a country full of gentlemen who hold Mr. Best's ideas. As Poulney Bigelow says in his fine work, "Prussianism and Pacifism" (Putnam & Sons, New York), "Man becomes a pacifist through the security his fighting fathers have purchased." We must ever be ready to preserve what our fighting fathers bled to secure for us, and to hand that priceless heritage on to our sons. The world needs men, not quitters and slackers, and we can't breed men unless we have the proper material.

LEXINGTON, R. R. 4, TENN.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

Words cannot express my love and admiration for dear Uncle Charlie and his good works. My three boys also love him. My greatest ambition for them is to have them have as much sense, grit and courage as you have. Three cheers, Uncle, for your Americanism. Am enclosing a dime for your home fund and it may amuse you to know how I earned it. During the recent rain the water overflowed quite a distance beyond the bridge that spans the canal and I carried several people across on my back, one at a time. When I returned home my wife was talking about you and I told her what I was going to do with that dime. Wife and children send best wishes and love to you. Your admirer as ever, J. C. MAXWELL (JIM).

Jim, I was deeply touched with your letter and highly entertained and amused by the way you gathered in that dime. I would give worlds if I could have a snapshot of you ferrying the young and old ladies, the chickens and the hens across the river on your back. The one thing that worries me is that back of yours. I once started to carry my mother-in-law across a stream. She only weighed about two hundred and forty pounds, and when I got into the middle of the stream, I discovered I had a terrible and most powerful pain in the back, and as I did not want to be burdened with a broken back as well as a mother-in-law, I just accidentally had to let her slip. There was an awful splash when she hit the water and I have never seen her since. My one regret is that I did not make her pay in advance for getting her half-way across that river—and, too, she did hate water so. Jim, one thing is certain, you are no profiteer or you would not have converted yourself into a human ferryboat for just one dime. If you had only been infected with the universal grab bug, you could have made enough money to have bought all the real estate on Manhattan Island with all its palatial buildings thrown in. Risking your life for the sake of humanity is a noble deed, but you ought to have collected enough in advance to have taken care of yourself and family in case your kindness and heroism had resulted in a broken back. Maybe, however, Jim, all your passengers were trim little chickens, instead of corpulent old ladies, and you derived so much pleasure from carrying them in your arms or boosting them on your back that you felt you were indebted to them rather than they to you. Like yourself, Jim, I have been a burden bearer, and I broke my back at the job and, like a fool, I didn't try to collect before I shouldered the burden. Of course, it is all very well to say that we'll get our reward in heaven, but Christ understood business and told us that the laborer is worthy of his hire. So the next time a flood comes, you carry all the fat old ladies across and if you don't soak them, soak their pocketbooks, and I'll carry the chickens across for nothing. It is a good thing that the young ladies have decided to be chickens instead of ducks or they might fool us both and swim over. Anyway, Jim, hug that bridge every time it looks like rain. Charge ten dollars a pound for transportation and fifty dollars a pound for all human freight that weighs over two hundred pounds. That will make some of the fat ones reduce and it will make them all produce, and it is production we want and must have. I am not going to let you do the Noah's Ark stunt for me unless you charge your passengers a reasonable rate. If you want liniment for your back, Jim, I will supply it. Meanwhile, accept my love, gratitude and appreciation for risking your life for a fellow-being.

MENTOR, OHIO.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I am a girl of twelve and can make up pretty good poems but this one is the best. We have read COMFORT for years and I have always been interested in your letters. We have all your books and think them fine.

WHEN THE WAR IS OVER.

I am glad the war is over and the boys are safely home. They always have something to tell us about and think when they're alone. They spend most of their evenings talking about something they did in the war. And tell us about what they did to the Fritzies to make all the Fritzies sore. The boys will tell of the French girls and tell of the Belgians too. But the ones they all stick to are the ones in red, white and blue.

Your niece,

LIZZIE

Lizzie, I want to give notice to you and all others who desire letters published in this department that only those which bear the writers' signatures will be published. If you have not courage enough to sign your name to a letter, don't write it, as half the interest evaporates when the writer's name is not given. Cowards, traitors, Bolsheviks and Huns, who spew their venom through the mails and do not sign their names for fear of the law, of course are in a class by themselves. Poor crazy boobies, they think when they do not sign their names to treasonable matter, they cannot be located. Many an ingrate who has exploited this country for fat profit has hugged that delusion to his soulless bosom, only to find to his sorrow into what dangers that delusion had drawn him. No one needs to fear that his or her name will be published when it is attached to a matter of a nature that might draw upon the writer the wrath of relatives or neighbors. Letters should be signed as a guarantee of good faith. Your confidence is a sacred trust. All the boys did not come home, Lizzie. The boys who sleep in the soil of France are those who have the greatest story to tell, but it will not be told in this world. However, their sleeping bodies speak to us with an eloquence greater than can ever be tongued by those who survive the carnage of that conflict. Please ring me up and tell me when the boys get to that part of their adventure regarding just what made the Fritzies sore. Blowing Fritz to pieces with a shell only makes him mad, sticking a bayonet into him merely makes him uncomfortable; a dose of poison gas scarcely inconveniences him, spraying him with liquid flame only gets him hot around the collar—but there were some things that really and truly did make Fritzies sore. One was depriving him of his beer, another thing that got his goat was when he captured one of our tanks and found there was no booze in it; but the thing that drove him to madness, I've yet to tell. It was customary for the military to send up huge observation balloons from which Fritzies' movements could be observed. These balloons were called sausage balloons, owing to their close resemblance to the bologna with which Fritzies is so fond of upholstering the vast recesses of his enormous weinervurst receptacle. To make the resemblance still more complete, the officers manning these balloons used to bark, and Fritzies' gastric juices began to jazz and rag until he felt sore all over. He did not mind being peppered with shrapnel while he was hiking out of Belgium and scooting out of the Argonne, but visions of that sausage were more than he could stand, and, as he was too sore to sit, poor Fritzies, his brains seething with visions of sisside, was on the horns of a terrible

dilemma, and it is not comfortable to sit on horns—see the point? I know that our boys stick to the red, white and blue. The red cheeks, the white powder and the blue-black penciled eyebrows. Just what they do when a well-washed face comes along, history does not divulge, but if there was any of the muclage of love around they would probably stick to that, too, for, whatever else may be said about the American doughboy, he is some stickier, and you, Lizzie, are some "pot"—excuse me, poetess.

CENTER VIEW, MO.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I am fifteen years old, have brown eyes, black hair and weigh 112 pounds. I live on a farm and go to the country school, two miles southwest of where I live. My teacher is very cross, I don't like her teaching at all. Uncle, what makes teachers who get their education at the same school buildings in our county seat teach different? This my ninth teacher and she teaches different than any other teacher I ever went to. I am in the seventh grade. With love to all, MISSOURI GIRL.

Girlie, you seem to be having lots of trouble, and whether that trouble is with you or your teachers, and it is possibly and probably more with you than with them, I cannot state definitely unless you and the nine teachers hop on a fast freight and let me subject you all to the usual tests, requisite for forming a decision on such a vital and important matter. After all, the trouble might not be with either the teachers or yourself. Maybe there is a tack in the county seat and the poor things have sat on it so long they have got cranky. Everybody's cranky, anyhow. Then, too, perhaps the building in which the teachers were educated may have rheumatism of the roof and defective lungs and diabetes of the stove-pipes. Anyway, one thing is certain, if you are expecting all teachers, even though they have imbibed their knowledge from the same identical source, to be all alike in their looks, manners and methods, personalities and temperaments, you are looking for the impossible. According to the Bible, only one man was created, the rest of us "just grewed" like Topsy of Uncle Tom's Cabin fame. Men are not born equal and never will be. You are already old enough to have noted that the outstanding fact of life is that everything and everybody differs, especially on politics, though maybe we are all agreed that politics is—oh, well, just rotten—and Missouri has done its best to make politics what they ought not to be. In Ethnology we have the white, brown, black, red and yellow races. The only equality that

exists or ever will exist is in the graveyard. The sands on the seashore are almost identical because they are dead, but when it comes to living things, billions of blades of grass and leaves, you will find they all differ, and so humans differ. In Russia they are trying to destroy individuality, personality, spirituality, and reduce all men and women by gun and sword, to one dead level of commonplace mediocrity. As long as your teachers are alive you will find each one differs in a thousand ways from the others. If, however, your teachers are incompetent, as some of them doubtless are, the fault lies with the fool county authorities, who, though they realize that a bricklayer is worth ten dollars a day, think a teacher is dear at ten cents, and we shall never have good teachers until they are decently paid. Education should be in the hands of the Federal authorities. It's too tremendously important a matter for muttonheads to deal with. Here is a legitimate field for government action. The teaching profession should be the best paid of all professions, and those who do not understand the art of imparting knowledge, inspiring their pupils with the desire to learn and to grow physically, mentally and spiritually, should be thrown out, no matter how well educated they may be. Sorry I can't come down to Missouri and be your teacher, but undoubtedly the first things I would butt into would be a bunch of Missouri Congressmen and the Missouri mule, and as I am not enamoured of either, I had better stay home.

EASTON, OHIO.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I am writing to ask your advice, which is always excellent. I am seventeen years old and will start my third year of high school this fall. I am five feet one inch tall and weigh about ninety pounds. I have dark hair and blue eyes. I live in the country and love it. I do not like town life, though I have never lived in town. What do you think would be a good occupation to take up when I leave school? I love housework and imagine I would like to be a stenographer, but many tell me it is not the place for a decent girl. Why can't a decent girl work there the same as any other? I hope to take up typewriting this year.

Your loving niece, MEARLE ASHWORTH.

Mearle, if you want to take up a real, worthwhile profession, take a course of domestic science and an extra long course of cooking. Any fool can be a stenographer, but only about one person in ten thousand knows anything about cooking, which is much more essential to the health and welfare of humanity than painting, sculpture or music. You are like most girls, several pounds underweight. We need well nour

ished girls of good physique to keep the race from degenerating and especially do we need that type of real girl now for such diseases as the flu are liable to hang about for years. This is a land of plenty—too much of plenty when it comes to the painted stenographer and the home that is cookless, yet so far as food is concerned, people are starving to death because they don't know what to eat or how to cook it when they get it. Highly polished rice, white bread, made out of patent, highly milled flour deprived of all mineral salts and the vital life-giving elements, are about as nutritious as rocks. Milk, whole wheat flour, eggs and all the green vegetables you can get hold of, alone constitute a proper nourishing diet, a diet that would keep you out of the grave. More of this some other time. With the exception of two young ladies, all the Billy Goats that we ever had did not know how to set a table, and as for cooking, their attempts were not only pitiful but at times disgusting. "Mother did all the cooking," they say. Well, if mother's cooking was no better than daughter's, both of them ought to be thoroughly spanked. With food murderously high, food which it has taken the farmer infinite pains to raise, and which his wife too often takes infinite pains to spoil, to have this food destroyed by an incompetent idiot who demands fifty dollars a month and who calls herself a cook and who knows no more of cooking than a clench bug knows of astronomy, and who costs you another fifty to house and maintain, and who can't handle one dish without breaking seventeen, is a crime that ought to be punished by imprisonment or the hangman's rope. And, by the way, I find the farmer's daughter knows no more about cooking than the city girl. The hen does her best, the hog, the steer and the sheep do their best; nature pushes up the vegetables and does her best; all nature does its best; and then Ma or dear daughter, who have a hundred cook books and a thousand magazines which devote large sections of space, full of beautiful illustrations, to the noble culinary art, spoil every blessed thing they get their incompetent hands on, and make chronic dyspeptics of an entire family. Cancer and other diseases are increasing by leaps and bounds and this is largely due to bad cooking and the lack of the most elementary knowledge of the proper preparation and selection of food stuffs. The world is dying for the lack of good cooks. You know what terrible revelations resulted when the soldiers were overhauled by draft board surgeons—about

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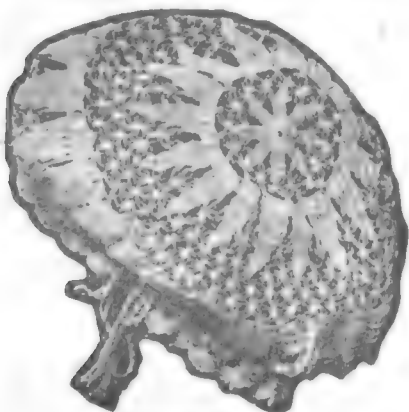
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Crochet Boudoir Cap

BY MRS. JAMES WITMYER.

MATERIALS: 1 ball No. 40 pink, 1 ball light blue mercerized crochet cotton, steel crochet hook No. 12.
For the dainty boudoir cap here shown, begin with ch 10 join in ring.
1st round.—Ch 5, 32 double treble crochet (d tr c) under ch 10, ch 5.
2nd round.—3 d tr c, * 4 d c, repeat from *, ch 5.
3rd round.—3d tr c * keeping 1 loop of each on hook and working all off together, 1 single k s



CROCHET BOUDOIR CAP.

(s k st), fasten in center of d k st of previous round (always fasten securely with ch 1), 1 s k st, 4 d tr c, repeat from *.
4th round.—* 1 d k st, fasten in knot of previous round, 1 d k st, fasten on top of * point, repeat from *.
5th round.—* ch 9 fasten in center of k st, repeat from *.
6th round.—Ch 5, * 10 d tr c under ch 9 and 1 in knot st between chs, repeat from *.
7th round.—Ch 5, 9 d tr c, * 1 d k st, 9 d tr c, repeat from * joining last d k st to ch 5.
8th round.—Ch 5, 6 d tr c, * 1 s k st, fasten in center of k st in last row, 1 s k st, 7 d tr c, repeat from *.
9th round.—Ch 5, 4 d tr c, * 1 d k st, fasten in center of k st in last row, 1 d k st, 5 d tr c, repeat from *.
10th round.—Ch 5, 4 d tr c, * keeping 1 ch of each on hook and working all off together, 1 s k st, fasten in center of d k st, 1 s k st, fasten in center of next d k st, 1 s k st, 5 d tr c, repeat from *.
11th round.—All d k st.
12th round.—All s k st.
13th round.—Same as 11th round.
14th round.—Same as 12th round.
15th round.—Same as 11th round.
16th round.—Ch 7, fasten in d k st, repeat around.
17th round.—Ch 5, * 7 d tr c under ch 7, 1 in d k st, repeat from *.
18th round.—Ch 5, 13 d tr c, * 1 d k st, sk 2 trebles, 14 d k c, repeat from *.
19th round.—Sk 1 d tr c, ch 5, 11 d tr c, * 1 s k st, fasten in d k st, 1 s k st, skip 1 treble, 12 d tr c, repeat from *.
20th round.—Sk 1 treble, ch 5, 9 d tr c, * 2 d k st, skip 1 treble, 10 d tr c, repeat from *.
21st round.—Sk 1 treble, ch 5, 7 d tr c, * keeping 1 ch of each on hook and work all off together, 3 s k st, 8 d tr c, repeat from *.
22nd round.—D k st all around.
23rd round.—S k st all around.
Repeat these two rows alternately until cap is of size.

For the Edge

Using blue cotton make 1 row d k st.

2nd row.—S k st.

3rd row.—D k st.

4th row.—S k st.

5th row.—1 s c under s k st, 6 d tr c, 1 p, 6 d

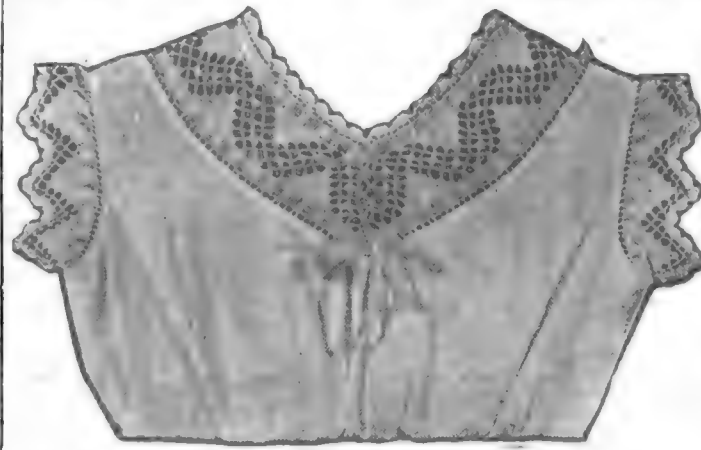
5, 3 d c in next 3 sts, ch 5, 1 s c in next 6th st of ch, ch 5, 3 d c in next 4th, 5th and 6th sts of ch, ch 5, 1 s c in next 4th st, ch 5, 3 d c in next 8th, 9th and 10th sts, ch 5, sk 5, 1 d c, ch 2, 1 d c, ch 5, turn.
2nd row.—1 d c on 2nd double in last row, ch 3, 1 s c under ch 5, ch 3, 3 d c on 3 d c, 3 d c under ch following doubles, ch 5, 1 s c under ch 5, repeat making 3 more chs 5, following last ch with 1 d c, ch 3, 1 s c, ch 3, 1 d c, ch 2, 1 d c, ch 5, turn.
3rd row.—1 d c, ch 5, 1 d c, ch 3, 1 s c, ch 5, 3 d c under ch 5, ch 5, 1 s c, ch 5, 3 d c under ch, 6 d c on doubles, ch 5, 1 d c, ch 2, 1 d c, ch 5, turn.
4th row.—1 d c, ch 5, 12 d c, 3 chs 5 following last with 1 d c, ch 5, 1 d c, ch 2, 1 d c, ch 5, turn.
5th row.—1 d c, ch 3, 1 s c, ch 3, 1 d c, on double, 2 d c under ch, ch 5, 1 s c, ch 5, 15 d c, ch 3, 1 s c, ch 3, 1 d c, ch 2, 1 d c, ch 5, turn.
6th row.—1 d c, ch 5, 12 d c, 3 chs, 1 d c, ch 5, 1 d c, ch 2, 1 d c, ch 5, turn.
7th row.—1 d c, ch 5, 1 d c, ch 3, 1 s c, ch 5, 3 d c, ch 5, 1 s c, ch 5, 9 d c, ch 5, 1 d c, ch 2, 1 d c, ch 5, turn.
8th row.—1 d c, ch 3, 1 s c, ch 3, 1 d c, ch 2, 1 d c, ch 5, 1 d c, ch 3, 1 s c, ch 3, 1 d c, ch 2, 1 d c, ch 5, turn.

Now repeat pattern from 2nd row, making lacets on the edge as before.
When work is of right length work off to a point by shortening the work on one side and keeping the other even.
Join to first row and work off pattern in same way to a point. Crochet together with chs 5 and 1 s c alternately on each side.
Finishing the neck edge with a scallop of 6 d c in a double, ch 2, sk 1 d c, 1 s c, in next ch 2, sk 1 d c, 6 d c in next repeat, 2nd row picot chs of 3, 1 s c between each d c, ch 3, 1 s c on s c.

Edging for Sleeves

Ch 25 sts, turn.

1st row.—1 s c under ch, ch 5, 3 d c under ch, ch 3, 1 s c under ch, ch 3, 1 d c, ch 2, 1 d c in last st, ch 5, turn.
2nd row.—1 d c, ch 5, 3 d c on 3 d c, 3 d c under ch 5, 1 s c under ch, ch 5, 1 d c in end loop ch 8, turn.



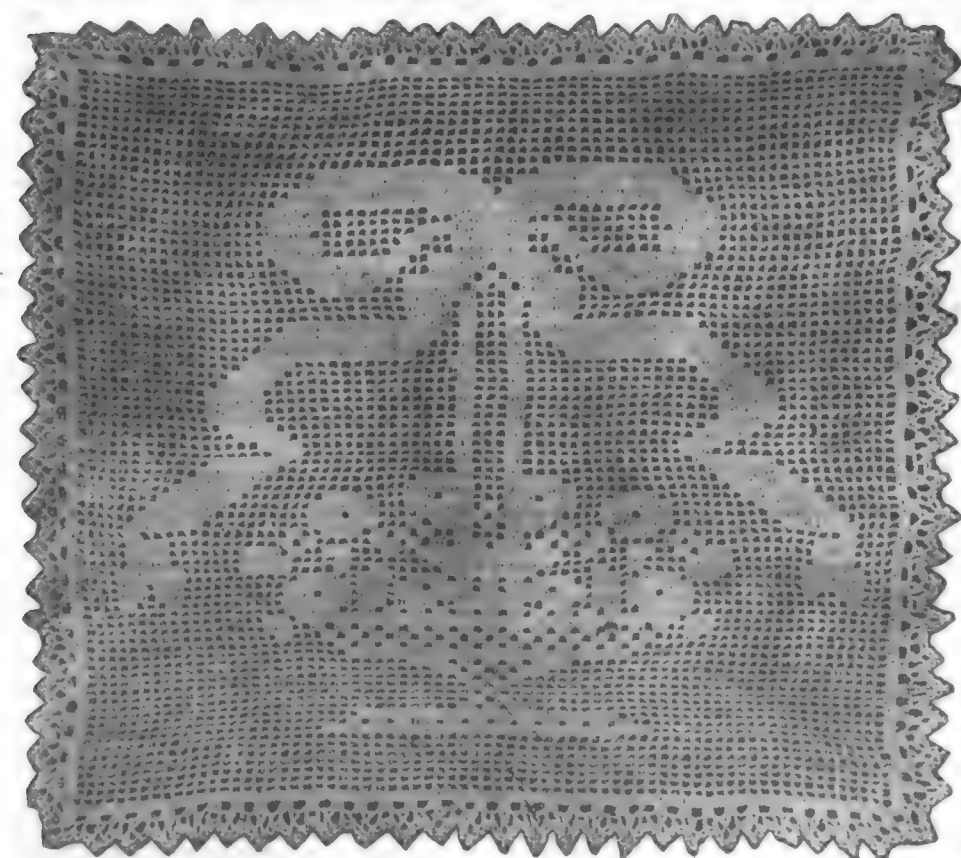
CROCHETED TRIMMED CORSET COVER.

3rd row.—1 s c under ch, ch 5, 9 d c, ch 5, 1 d c, ch 2, 1 d c, ch 5, turn.
4th row.—1 d c, ch 3, 1 s c, ch 3, 12 d c, ch 5, 1 s c, ch 5, 1 d c, ch 8, turn.
5th row.—1 s c, ch 5, 15 d c, ch 5, 1 d c, ch 2, 1 d c, ch 5, turn.
6th row.—Same as 4th and reverse pattern, finish with scallop to match neck.

Flower Basket in Filet Crochet for Pillow Top

BY MRS. ROVILLA MINGUS.

1st row.—Begin with ch of 214 on which make 70 sps, make six more rows of 70 sps each.
8th row.—22 sps, 82 d c, 22 sps, ch 5, turn.



FLOWER BASKET IN FILET CROCHET FOR PILLOW TOP.

tr c, under next s k st, 1 s k st under next s k st, repeat all around.

Make blue cord of six long strands of cotton, twist then double together and finish the end with tassel, run in through the last row of pink, draw up and tie.

Corset Cover

Ch 50, turn.

1st row.—1 d c in 9th st from hook, ch 5, skip

9th row.—24 sps, 4 d c, 1 sp, 12 times, 24 sps.

10th row.—25 sps, 67 d c, 25 sps.

11th row.—33 sps, 4 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 33 sps.

12th row.—34 sps, 4 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 34 sps.

13th row.—35 sps, 4 d c, 35 sps.

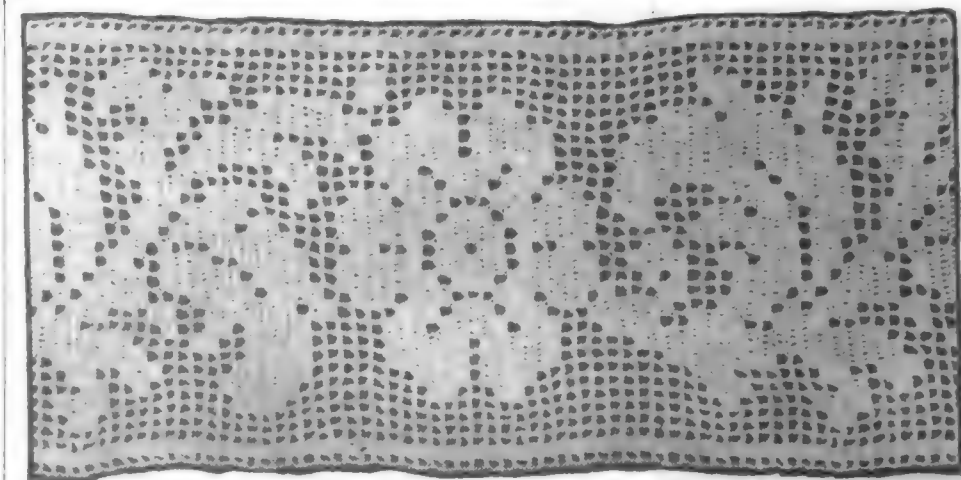
14th row.—Same as 12th row.

15th row.—Same as 11th row.

16th row.—31 sps, 7 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 7 d c, 31 sps.

17th row.—24 sps, 70 d c, 24 sps.
18th row.—23 sps, * 4 d c, 1 sp, repeat from * 13 times, 23 sps.
19th row.—18 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps, * 4 d c, 1 sp, repeat from * 14 times, 3 sps, 4 d c, 18 sps.
20th row.—17 sps, 7 d c, 2 sps, * 4 d c, 1 sp, repeat from * 15 times, 2 sps, 7 d c, 17 sps.

27th row.—1 blk, 3 sps, 1 blk, 2 sps, 3 blks, 1 sp, 4 blks, 1 sp, 4 blks, 3 sps, 1 blk, 4 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.
28th row.—1 blk, 3 sps, 3 blks, 3 sps, 3 blks, 1 sp, 4 blks, 2 sps, 2 blks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 3 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.
29th row.—1 blk, 5 sps, 3 blks, 2 sps, 2 blks, 1



ROSE AND SCROLL INSERTION.

21st row.—17 sps, 7 d c, 1 sp, 64 d c, 1 sp, 7 d c, 17 sps.

22nd row.—19 sps, 13 d c, 2 sps, * 4 d c, 1 sp, repeat from * 11 times, 2 sps, 13 d c, 19 sps.

23rd row.—3 sps, 4 d c, 15 sps, 16 d c, 1 sp, 7 d c, 2 sps, 7 d c, 2 sps, 16 d c, 2 sps, 7 d c, 2 sps, 7 d c, 1 sp, 16 d c, 15 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps.

24th row.—3 sps, 7 d c, 2 sps, 4 d c, 11 sps, 7 d c, 1 sp, 7 d c, 1 sp, 7 d c, 1 sp, 46 d c, 1 sp, 7 d c, 1 sp, 7 d c, 1 sp, 7 d c, 10 sps.

25th row.—3 sps, 16 d c, 11 sps, 16 d c, 1 sp, 7 d c, 1 sp, 7 d c, 1 sp, 10 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 10 d c, 1 sp, 7 d c, 1 sp, 7 d c, 1 sp, 16 d c, 1 sp, 7 d c, 3 sps.

26th row.—3 sps, 16 d c, 8 sps, 10 d c, 1 sp, 10 d c, 2 sps, 7 d c, 2 sps, 10 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 2 sps, 7 d c, 2 sps, 10 d c, 11 sps, 16 d c, 3 sps.

27th row.—3 sps, 16 d c, 7 sps, 13 d c, 4 sps, 4 d c, 2 sps, 4 d c, 5 sps, 22 d c, 5 sps, 4 d c, 2 sps, 4 d c, 4 sps, 13 d c, 6 sps, 16 d c, 3 sps.

28th row.—4 sps, 10 d c, 8 sps, 10 d c, 4 sps, 4 d c, 7 sps, 28 d c, 7 sps, 4 d c, 4 sps, 13 d c, 7 sps, 10 d c, 3 sps.

29th row.—4 sps, 10 d c, 8 sps, 7 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 2 sps, 7 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 2 sps, 34 d c, 2 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps, 7 d c, 2 sps, 4 d c, 1 sp, 10 d c, 7 sps, 10 d c, 40 sps.

30th row.—4 sps, 10 d c, 10 sps, 4 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 5 sps, 7 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 7 d c, 5 sps, 4 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 10 sps, 10 d c, 4 sps.

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Rose and Scroll Insertion

Begin with ch 98 sts, turn.

1st row.—1 d c in 9th st from hook, ch 2, skip 2, 4 d c, in next 4 sts (1 blk), ch 2, skip 2, 1 d c, in next st (sp), repeat making 15 more sps, 3 blks, or 10 d c, 8 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

2nd row.—1 blk on blk, 8 sps, 2 blks, 6 sps, 4 blks, 7 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

3rd row.—1 blk, 6 sps, 6 blks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 2 sps, 3 blks, 7 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

4th row.—1 blk, 7 sps, 3 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, 1 sp, 6 blks, 6 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

5th row.—1 blk, 5 sps, 5 blks, 3 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 6 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

6th row.—1 blk, 6 sps, 2 blks, 2 sps, 3 blks, 5 sps, 4 blks, 5 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

7th row.—1 blk, 5 sps, 4 blks, 3 sps, 1 blk, 5 sps, 4 blks, 5 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

8th row.—1 blk, 4 sps, 5 blks, 5 sps, 2 blks, 2 sps, 4 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

9th row.—1 blk, 3 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 4 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 2 sps, 7 blks, 3 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

10th row.—1 blk, 4 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 7 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, 7 blks, 3 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

11th row.—1 blk, 4 sps, 7 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 6 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

12th row.—1 blk, 6 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 9 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, 5 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

13th row.—1 blk, 5 sps, 4 blks, 1 sp, 7 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 7 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

14th row.—1 blk, 7 sps, 3 blks, 1 sp, 5 blks, 1 sp, 4 blks, 6 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

15th row.—1 blk, 4 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 4 blks, 5 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 3 blks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 3 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

16th row.—1 blk, 2 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 5 blks, 1 sp, 15 blks, 3 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

17th row.—1 blk, 7 sps, 8 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, 6 blks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

18th row.—1 blk, 3 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, 2 sps, 4 blks, 9 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

19th row.—1 blk, 3 sps, 2 blks, 9 sps, 3 blks, 2 sps, 2 blks, 6 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

20th row.—1 blk, 5 sps, 3 blks, 2 sps, 4 blks, 5 sps, 1 blk, 3 sps, 2 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

21st row.—1 blk, 2 sps, 2 blks, 2 sps, 3 blks, 2 sps, 3 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 3 sps, 3 blks, 4 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

22nd row.—1 blk, 5 sps, 1 blk, 3 sps, 1 blk, 4 sps, 7 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

23rd row.—1 blk, 3 sps, 9 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 8 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

24th row.—1 blk, 11 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 2 blks, 2 sps, 3 blks, 4 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

25th row.—1 blk, 3 sps, 3 blks, 2 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 7 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

26th row.—1 blk, 7 sps, 6 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 2 sps, 2 blks, 2 sps, 2 blks, 3 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, 8 blks, 3 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

30th row.—1 blk, 3 sps, 7 blks, 1 sp, 4 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 2 sps, 3 blks, 5 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

31st row.—1 blk, 4 sps, 4 blks, 4 sps, 11 blks, 4 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

32nd row.—1 blk, 5 sps, 4 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, 3 sps, 4 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 4 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

33rd row.—1 blk, 4 sps, 2 blks, 2 sps, 2 blks, 6 sps, 2 blks, 9 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

34th row.—1 blk, 9 sps, 1 blk, 11 sps, 2 blks, 4 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

35th row.—1 blk, 4 sps, 3 blks, 4 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 11 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

36th row.—1 blk, 10 sps, 7 blks, 2 sps, 3 blks, 5 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

37th row.—1 blk, 2 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 4 sps, 7 blks, 10 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

38th row.—1 blk, 6 sps, 3 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, 2 sps, 2 blks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

39th row.—1 blk, 6 sps, 4 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, 4 blks, 6 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

40th row.—1 blk, 5 sps, 17 blks, 5 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

41st row.—1 blk, 4 sps, 4 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, 3 sps, 3 blks, 1 sp, 4 blks, 4 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

42nd row.—1 blk, 4 sps, 5 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 3 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 5 blks, 4 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

43rd row.—1 blk, 5 sps, 5 blks, 1 sp, 5 blks, 1 sp, 5 blks, 5 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

44th row.—1 blk, 8 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 8 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

45th row.—Same as 43rd row.

46th row.—Same as 42nd row.

47th row.—Same as 41st row, etc., working in just the doubles necessary to copy rose, balance of the rows all spaces as the scroll starts from the opposite side of the rose.

53rd row.—1 blk, 11 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 9 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

54th row.—1 blk, 8 sps, 3 blks, 16 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn. Copy pattern from 2nd row.

MRS. JOHN GREGG.

Simple Edging

This pattern makes an attractive finish for aprons or children's skirts worked directly into the edge of the hem or beginning with a ch of proper length as one prefers.

2nd row.—1 d c, ch 1, 1 d c in every other st of ch.

3rd row.—Ch 8, 1 d c, in 3rd sp, ch 5, 1 d c in next second sp, repeat.

4th row.—Ch 3, 3 d c in first sp, ch 5, sk 1 sp, 4 d c in next sp, repeat.

5th row.—Same as 4th row.

6th row.—Same as last with chs 6 between groups of 4 doubles.

7th row.—Sl st over top of 4 d c, 6 d c, under ch 6, ch 10, 1 s c in first st of ch, 6 d c, repeat working over each ch in the same way.

SALLIE BROWN.

Edge for Scarf or Pillow Slip

Ch 10 sts, turn.

1st row.—1 d c in 4th st from hook ch 2, 1 d c in last st, turn.

2nd row.—1 d c on d c, ch 2, 1 d c, repeat

making spaces until desired length, allowing 6 sps for each scallop.

For Edge

Join thread, ch 3, 3 d c in first sp, 4 d c in each next 5 sps, ch 7, turn. Skip 3 sps, 1 s c, ch 7, sk 3 sps, 1 s c, turn, 16 s c under first ch, 8 s c under second ch, ch 7, turn, sl st over 8th s c, turn, 16 s c under ch, 8 s c under second ch, 4 d c in each next 6 sps and repeat scallop.

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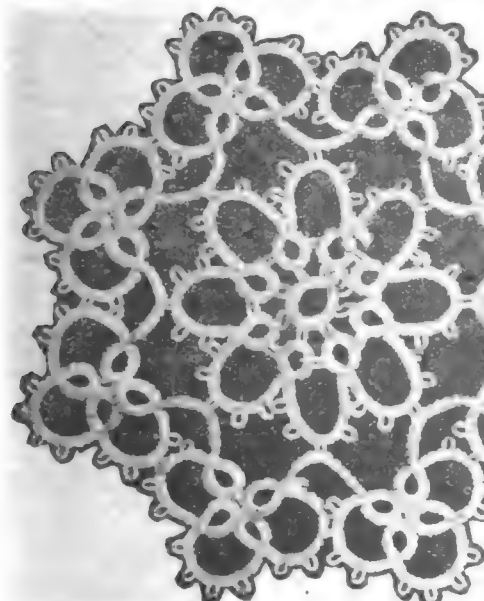
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Tatting, Knitting and Roll-Stitch Designs

Medallion in Original Design

BY MRS. HENRY MADEN.

USE No. 40 thread, make a ring of 1 d s, 1 p (2 d s, 1 p), repeat 7 times, 1 d s, close the ring, make a ring of 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, join to p of center ring, 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, close ring. With ball thread ch 3 d s, 1 p (2 d s, 1 p), 4 times, 3 d s, repeat. Join each ring to preceding one by side p and to middle of small ring to a p of



TATTED MEDALLION IN ORIGINAL DESIGN.

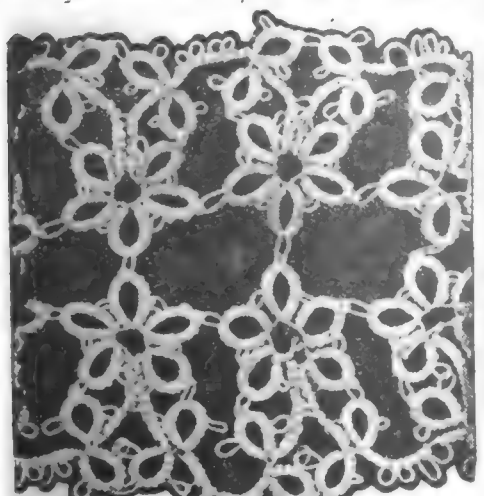
center ring. Join last ring to first p of first ring. Ch to base of first ring with shuttle. Make a ring of 8 d s, 1 p, 8 d s, close to form a ring with ball thread ch 4 d s (2 d s, 1 p), 4 times, 4 d s with shuttle make a ring of 4 d s, join to p of last ring, 8 d s, close to form a ring, repeat 2 times. The four rings are joined. With ball thread 6 d s, join to center p of the center motif, 6 d s, repeat same around 8 times.

Tatting Insertion

This pattern is very pretty used as an insertion in table runners, dresser scarfs, towels and pillow slip, it also makes a very pretty square yoke for camosole or night gowns.

For use on runners or towels No. 30 O. N. T. cotton is a good size.

Two shuttles are needed. First make a ring of 4 d s, 1 p, 4 d s, 1 p, 4 d s, close, repeat making second ring, join in second thread and make ch 3 d c, join to last p of first ring, 2



TATTING INSERTION.

d s, join to last p of second ring, d s, 1 p, 6 d s, drop 1 thread, make flower of 53 p rings, join side picots as made. With both threads, ch 8 d s, join to p in last ch, 6 d s, 1 ring joining center p to center p of first ring. 1 ring, ch 1, 2 d s, 4 p with 1 d s between, 2 d s. Repeat from beginning.

Join to strips as made by center p of third ring of flower.

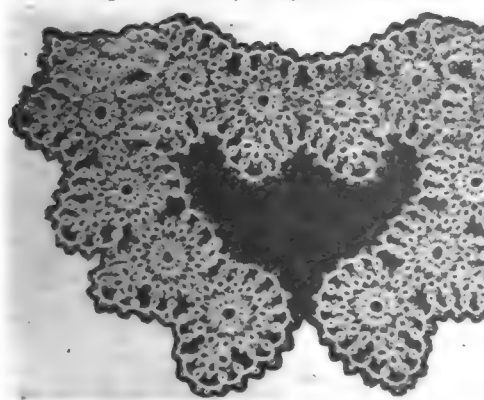
Round Tatting Collar

BY ORA ARMSTRONG HILL.

Center ring 14 d s, separated by 1 d s, tie and cut thread.

2nd round.—Ring 4 d s, join to p, of center ring 4 d s, quarter inch space ring 4 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, 3 p, separated by 1 d s, 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, close.

Join three leaf clover to form point to second row of rings as follows; Ring 3 d s, 1 p, fastened



ROUND TATTING COLLAR.

to center p, of ring in second row, 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, close. Make two more rings joining the last p, in the first ring to the center p, of the second p, of the second row, tie securely and cut thread.

Join 14 wheels with the three leaf clover at the bottom then go around these joining one

ring to the center p, of each ring of big wheel and second leaf of clover leaf, make these rings as follows; 6 d s, joined 6 d s, close, chains; 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, excepting chains on points which should be of 3 p, with 3 d s, between.

Infant's Bonnet in Roll Stitch

BY MRS. WILLIE WHATLEY.

In making any rose stitch design a soft mercerized cotton is necessary.

The bonnet illustrated is of white silkateen.

Use No. 12 steel crochet hook.

Begin pattern in center of crown with ch 7, join in ring, ch 3, turn.

2nd round.—28 d c in ring, ch 8, turn.

3rd round.—For roll st, wind thread 30 times over hook and work off as directed, work 27 rolls in this round.

4th round.—3 s c between each row, join ch 3.

5th round.—1 d c in each s c, join ch 3, turn.

6th round.—Skip 2 d c, 1 d c in next, ch 4, slip st in top of d c, ch 5, slip st in same place, ch 4, slip st in same place, thus making one trefoil, ch 3, sk 2 d c, 1 s c in next, ch 3, sk 2 d c, 1 d c in next, 1 trefoil, repeat all around.

7th round.—Ch 8, sl st in top of 1st trefoil, ch 7, 1 sl st in 2nd trefoil, repeat all around, ch 5, join to first ch 8, ch 3.

8th round.—3 d c under first ch, 8 d c under ch 7, repeat all round join ch 8.

9th round.—1 roll st in every other d c all around, join.

10th round.—Like 4th round.

11th round.—Like 5th round.

12th round.—Like 6th round of trefoils. Now you have the crown completed.

13th round.—Like 7th round only you leave 7 trefoils for the neck at back, turn.

14th round.—Like 6th round.

15th round.—1 roll st in every other d c, repeat across.

16th round.—Like 4th round.

17th round.—Like 5th round.

18th round.—Like 6th round.

19th round.—Like 7th round.

20th round.—Like 6th round.

21st round.—Like 14th round.

22nd round.—Like 4th round.

23rd round.—Like 6th round making in all 34 trefoils around the front and neck of the bonnet.

24th round.—Ch 7 fasten in top of 2nd picot of trefoil, ch 6, fasten in same place, ch 7 fasten in top of next trefoil, ch 7 fasten in top of next trefoil, ch 6 fasten in same place repeat working in this way all around the bonnet.

25th round.—10 rolls under ch 6, 1 d c over next trefoil, 10 rolls under next ch 6, repeat all around.

26th round.—2 s c between each roll st, repeat fasten off securely and the bonnet is complete.

Knitted Shell Lace

BY LILLIAN MIX.

Cast on 47 stitches, knit across plain.

1st row.—O, n, k 2, o, n 6 times, k 3, n, o 2, n, o 2, n, k 3, o 2, p 2 together, k 3, o, n, k 8, o 2, p 2 tog.

2nd row.—O 2, p 2, k 10, p 1, k 3, p 1, k 20.

3rd row.—O, p 2 tog, k 3, o, n 6 times, k 4, n, o 2, n, k 5, o 2, p 1, k 14, o 2, p 2 tog.

4th row.—O 2, p 2, k 15, o 2, p 2 tog, k 6, p 1, k 23.

5th row.—O, n, k 4, o, n 6 times, k 12, o, p 2 tog, k 3, o 2, n, o 2, n, k 7, o 2, p 2 tog.

6th row.—O 2, p 2 tog, k 10, p 1, k 2, p 1, k 4, o 2, p 2 tog, k 29.

7th row.—O, n, k 5, o, n 6 times, k 11, o 2, p 2 tog, k 16, o 2, p 2 tog.

8th row.—O 2, p 2 tog, k 17, o 2, p 2 tog, k 29.

9th row.—O, n, k 6, o, n 6 times, k 10, o 2, p 2 tog, k 3, o 2, n, o 2, n, k 7, o 2, p 2 tog.

10th row.—O 2, p 2 tog, k 9, p 1, k 2, p 1, k 2, p 1, k 4, o 2, p 2 tog, k 29.

11th row.—O, n, k 7, o, n 6 times, k 9, o 2, p 2 tog, k 19, o 2, p 2 tog.

12th row.—O 2, p 2 tog, k 20, o 2, p 2 tog, k 29.

13th row.—O, n, k 8, o, n 6 times, k 8, o 2, p 2 tog, k 3, o 2, n, o 2, n, o 2, n, k 8, o 2, p 2 tog.

14th row.—O 2, p 2 tog, k 10, p 1, k 2, p 1, k 2, p 1, k 2, p 1, k 4, o 2, p 2 tog, k 29.

15th row.—O, n, k 8, o, n 6 times, k 7, o 2, p 2 tog, k 14, turn 10 sts, over the 1 k 1.

16th row.—O 2, p 2 tog, k 14, o 2, p 2 tog, k 29.

17th row.—O, n, k 9, o, n 6 times, k 6, o 2, p 2 tog, k 3, o 2, n, k 8.

18th row.—O 2, p 2 tog, k 10, p 1, k 4, o 2, p 2 tog, k 29.

19th row.—O, n, k 10, o, n 6 times, k 5, o 2, p 2 tog, k 14, o 2, p 2 tog.

20th row.—O 2, p 2 tog, k 15, o 2, p 2 tog, k 29.

21st row.—O, n, k 11, o, n 6 times, k 4, o 2, p 2 tog, k 3, o 2, n, o 2, n, k 7, o 2, p 2 tog.

22nd row.—O 2, p 2 tog, k 9, p 1, k 2, p 1, k 4, o 2, p 2 tog, k 29.

23rd row.—O, n, k 4, n, o 2, n, k 4, o, n 6 times, k 3, o 2, p 2 tog, k 17, o 2, p 2 tog.

24th row.—O 2, p 2 tog, k 17, o 2, p 2 tog, k 20, p 1, k 7.

25th row.—O, n, k 2, n, o 2, n, o 2, n, k 3, o, n 6 times, k 2, o 2, p 2 tog, k 3, o 2, n, o 2, n, q 2, n, k 7, o 2, p 2 tog.

26th row.—O 2, p 2 tog, k 9, p 1, k 2, p 1, k 2, p 1, k 2, p 1, k 4, o 2, p 2 tog, k 18, p 1, k 3, p 1, k 5.

27th row.—O, n, k 4, n, o 2, n, k 20, o 2, p 2 tog, k 19, o 2, p 2 tog.

28th row.—O 2, p 2 tog, k 20, o 2, p 2 tog, k 22, p 1, k 6.

29th row.—O, n, k 2, n, o 2, n, n, o 2, n, k 17, o 2, p 2 tog, k 3, o 2, n, o 2, n, k 8, o 2, p 2 tog.

30th row.—O 2, p 2 tog, k 10, p 1, k 2, p 1, k 2, p 1, k 2, p 1, k 4, o 2, p 2 tog, k 18, p 1, k 3, p 1, k 5.

31st row.—O, n, k 4, n, o 2, n, k 19, o 2, p 2 tog, k 14, turn 10 sts, over one and knit it.

32nd row.—O 2, p 2 tog, k 14, o 2, p 2 tog, k 20, p 1, k 7.

33rd row.—O, n, k 19, n, o 2, n, k 4, o 2, p 2 tog, k 3, o 2, n, k 8, o 2, p 2 tog.

34th row.—O 2, p 2 tog, k 10, p 1, k 4, o 2, p 2 tog, k 5, p 1, k 22.

35th row.—O, n, k 17, n, o 2, n, n, o 2, n, k 2, o 2, p 2 tog, k 14, o 2, p 2 tog.

36th row.—O 2, p 2 tog, k 15, o 2, p 2 tog, k 3, p 1, k 3, p 1, k 20.

37th row.—O, n, k 19, n, o 2, n, k 4, o 2, p 2 tog, k 3, o 2, n, o 2, n, k 8, o 2, p 2 tog.

38th row.—O 2, p 2 tog, k 10, p 1, k 3, p 1, k 3, o 2, p 2 tog, k 6, p 1, k 22.

39th row.—O, n, k 2, o, n 6 times, k 3, n, o 2, n, n, o 2, n, k 2, o 2, p 2 tog, k 16, o 2, p 2 tog.

40th row.—O 2, p 2 tog, k 17, o 2, p 2 tog, k 3, p 1, k 3, p 1, k 20.

41st row.—O, n, k 3, o, n 6 times, k 4, n, o 2, n, k 4, o 2, p 2 tog, k 3, o 2, n, o 2, n, o 2, n, k 7, o 2, p 2 tog.

42nd row.—O 2, p 2 tog, k 9, p 1, k 2, p 1, k 2, p 1, k 4, o 2, p 2 tog, k 5, p 1, k 22.

43rd row.—O, n, k 4, o, n 6 times, k 11, o 2, p 2 tog, k 19, o 2, p 2 tog.

44th row.—O 2, p 2 tog, k 20, o 2, p 2 tog, k 28.

45th row.—O, n, k 5, o, n 6 times, k 10, o 2, p 2 tog, k 3, o 2, n, o 2, n, o 2, n, k 8, o 2, p 2 tog.

46th row.—O 2, p 2 tog, k 10, p 1, k 2, p 1, k 2, p 1, k 4, o 2, p 2 tog, k 28.

47th row.—O, n, k 6, o, n 6 times, k 9, o 2, p 2 tog, k 14.

48th row.—12 sps, 19 d c, 14 sps, 13 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 15 sps, 19 d c, 10 sps.

49th row.—16 sps, 7 d c, 14 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 14 sps, 7 d c, 16 sps.

50th row.—16 sps, 10 d c, 14 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 14 sps, 10 d c, 15 sps.

51st row.—13 sps, 13 d c, 15 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 15 sps, 13 d c, 13 sps.

52nd row.—12 sps, 13 d c, 16 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 16 sps, 12 sps, 12 sps.

53rd row.—11 sps, 13 d c, 17 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 17 sps, 11 sps, 11 sps.

54th row.—46th and 47th rows same as 44th row.

55th row.—12 sps, 13 d c, 16 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 16 sps, 12 sps, 12 sps.

56th row.—13 sps, 13 d c, 15 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 15 sps, 13 d c, 13 sps.

57th row.—14 sps, 13 d c, 14 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 14 sps, 13 d c, 14 sps.

58th row.—15 sps, 40 d c, 4 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 4 sps, 40 d c, 15 sps.

59th row.—16 sps, 40 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps, 40 d c, 16 sps.

60th row.—17 sps, 40 d c, 2 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 2 sps, 40 d c, 17 sps.

61st row.—18 sps, 40 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 1 sp, 40 d c, 18 sps.

62nd row.—28 sps, 10 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 10 d c, 28 sps.

63rd row.—Same as 55th row.

64th row.—28 sps, 16 d c, 3 sps, 16 d c, 28 sps.

65th row.—21 sps, 13 d c, 3 sps, 13 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 13 d c, 3 sps, 13 d c, 21 sps.

66th row.—20 sps, 19 d c, 2 sps, 16 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 16 d c, 2 sps, 19 d c, 20 sps.

67th row.—19 sps, 40 d c, 3 sps, 13 d c, 1 sp, 13 d c, 3 sps, 25 d c, 19 sps.

68th row.—18 sps, 40 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 1 sp, 40 d c, 18 sps.

69th row.—28 sps, 10 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 10 d c, 28 sps.

70th row.—Same as 55th row.

71st row.—28 sps, 16 d c, 3 sps, 16 d c, 28 sps.

72nd row.—21 sps, 13 d c, 3 sps, 13 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 13 d c, 3 sps, 13 d c, 21 sps.

73rd row.—20 sps, 19 d c, 2 sps, 16 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 16 d c, 2 sps, 19 d c, 20 sps.

74th row.—19 sps, 40 d c, 3 sps, 13 d c, 1 sp, 13 d c, 3 sps, 25 d c, 19 sps.

75th row.—18 sps, 40 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 1 sp, 40 d c, 18 sps.

76th row.—28 sps, 10 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 10 d c, 28 sps.

77th row.—Same as 55th row.

78th row.—28 sps, 16 d c, 3 sps, 16 d c, 28 sps.

79th row.—21 sps, 13 d c, 3 sps, 13 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 13 d c, 3 sps, 13 d c, 21 sps.

80th row.—20 sps, 19 d c, 2 sps, 16 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 16 d c, 2 sps, 19 d c, 20 sps.

81st row.—19 sps, 40 d c, 3 sps, 13 d c, 1 sp, 13 d c, 3 sps, 25 d c, 19 sps.

82nd row.—18 sps, 40 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 1 sp, 40 d c, 18 sps.

83rd row.—28 sps, 10 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 10 d c, 28 sps.

84th row.—Same as 55th row.

85th row.—28 sps, 16 d c, 3 sps, 16 d c, 28 sps.

86th row.—21 sps, 13 d c, 3 sps, 13 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 13 d c, 3 sps, 13 d c, 21 sps.

87th row.—20 sps, 19 d c, 2 sps, 16 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 16 d c, 2 sps, 19 d c, 20 sps.

88th row.—19 sps, 40 d c, 3 sps, 13 d c, 1 sp, 13 d c, 3 sps, 25 d c, 19 sps.

89th row.—18 sps, 40 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 1 sp, 40 d c, 18 sps.

90th row.—28 sps, 10 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 10 d c, 28 sps.

91st row.—Same as 55th row.

92nd row.—28 sps, 16 d c, 3 sps, 16 d c, 28 sps.

93rd row.—21 sps, 13 d c, 3 sps, 13 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 13 d c, 3 sps, 13 d c, 21 sps.

94th row.—20 sps, 19 d c, 2 sps, 16 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 16 d c, 2 sps, 19 d c, 20 sps.

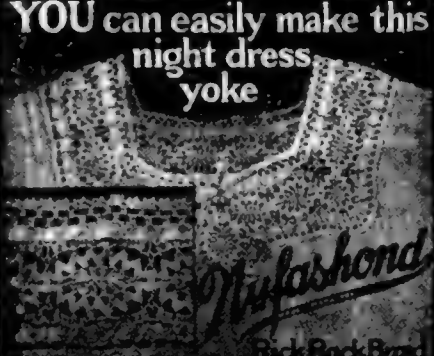
95th row.—19 sps, 40 d c, 3 sps, 13 d c, 1 sp, 13 d c, 3 sps, 25 d c, 19 sps.

96th row.—18 sps, 40 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 1 sp, 40 d c, 18 sps.

97th row.—28 sps, 10 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 10 d c, 28 sps.

98th row.—Same as 55th row.

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Picot Fan Lace
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9th row.—Shell in shell, ch 2, 3 tr in ch 2, ch 2, 3 tr in next ch 2, ch 2, 13 tr in ch 2 and over 11 tr, ch 3, turn.

10th row.—1 tr, 1 p of ch 4, 2 tr, 1 p, continue until there are 8 p, ch 2, 3 tr in ch 2, ch 2, 3 tr in next ch 2, ch 2, shell in shell, ch 3, turn.

11th row.—Shell in shell, ch 2, 3 trs, over ch 2, ch 2, 3 tr in ch 2, ch 5, turn.

12th row.—3 tr in ch 2, ch 2, 3 tr in next ch 2, ch 2, shell in shell. Repeat from 7th row.

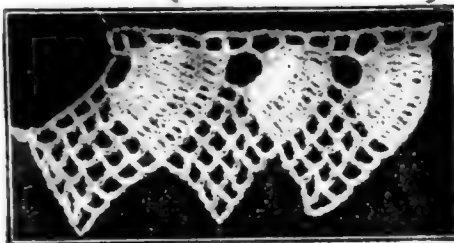
BESSIE M. BROWN.

Fan Lace
Begin with ch 25.

1st row.—1 d c in 7th st from hook, ch 2, sk 2, 1 d c, repeat making 5 sps in all, ch 6, sk 3, 1 d c in next st, ch 2, 1 d c in last st, ch 5, turn.

2nd row.—1 d c on d c, 13 d c under ch 6, 5 sps, ch 5, turn.

3rd row.—5 sps, 14 d c, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.



FAN LACE.

4th row.—1 sp, 13 d c, 5 sps, ch 5, turn.

5th row.—Same as 3rd row.

6th row.—1 sp, ch 6, sk 2 d c, 1 d c in next st, ch 2, sk 1, 1 d c, repeat making 5 sps, in all, ch 5, turn.

7th row.—5 sps, 14 d c, ch 2, 1 d c, ch 5, turn.

8th row.—Same as 3rd row. Repeat pattern until length desired.

BESSIE CLINE.

Crocheted Tulip Design
Ch 10, join in ring.

Ch 5, 1 d c in ring, ch 3, 1 d c in ring, ch 3, 1 d c, ch 3, 1 d c, ch 5, join to first ch 5. Now working round again make 9 a c under first ch 5, ch 3 for picot, 5 s c under each ch 3 with picot over each d c, 9 s c under ch 5, sl st to first a c, turn. Ch 20, sl st in 10th st forming a ring and repeat work making second tulip.

After making strip of lace as long as desired, turn and make loops on opposite side of chs of 20, fastening with 1 sl st, over center of each tulip. Work back over these loops by making 12 a c, 1 p, 12 s c, repeat.

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In the Sewing-Room

By Clara Huntington

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NEXT to food economy comes the mother's problem of how to keep the family decent and tidy when the prices of clothing are way out of reach of most purses. However, we feel that comfort is in sight when we read and observe that the American women are following the lead of our English sisters in outwitting the profiteers by refusing to 'buy' unnecessarily until prices drop.

At an enthusiastic meeting of the Housewives' League in Portland, Maine, it was voted that an old clothes club league be formed, its members to bind themselves to wear their old clothes, and to darn and mend, even to patching, until the prices are lowered. As a result of this individual rebellion, as I shall call it, one feature stands out with due prominence; which is, that cotton stockings have replaced the perishable silk ones, and that strong, serviceable, low-heeled boots are worn instead of the high-heeled, short-lived ones, to no small degree.

Extravagant dressing is on the wane, for American women of the type that we would follow, even blindly if necessary, have established the doctrine of clothing conservation, and are buying strong, durable materials of conservative color and design, and the pattern houses will today tell you that the sale of patterns for home dress-making has practically doubled since the prices of everything we wear has more than doubled. But the real victory is in the fact that women are not mourning over their economies, and are minimizing the extra labor involved by having only the clothes necessary to comfort and neatness of appearance. "Display" is disappearing, thanks to the good sense of American women.

The community clubs are working wonders and spreading the gospel of common sense in spending and dressing more than any other form of organization. I wish that every neighborhood, if ever so small, would form a "getting together" club, for it is the exchange of ideas that is so helpful. And let me whisper that you need not stop at clothing, for by comparing notes, and reporting individual experiences, you will be led to demand clean food and honest weights and measures where you leave your money.

In questioning a community club member not long ago, I asked her from what source, as a club, they received the most help, and in reply she stated that it was through the family magazines. She further explained that at meetings, after business matters were disposed of, each member present quoted some useful "hint" she had read, and would follow it by some personal experience or suggestion. This procedure, she said, always opened up profitable discussions relative to every branch of home-making and house-keeping. My informant also remarked that the progress in the women's departments of their community and county fairs was sufficient testimonial of their success.

Start by Buying Right

First, do not buy at random, but rather know exactly what wear a garment will receive, how much material it will require, and, lastly, how much money can safely be allotted to this particular purchase. Remember that "something just as good" for less money is worth investigation if you know values. Gingham wears better than any other material for its weight; and for this reason is more economical, even at a higher cost, than print. Khaki is practical material for something heavier, and if a package of dark brown dye is prepared and bottled to be used to color the rinse-water, it can be kept its natural color without streaks. Rinse several times and then soak in the colored water about one hour. Khaki is an excellent material for children's wear, and is stylish for a hard-service material for grown-ups. Corduroy is another good "buy" and when interlined will often take the place of wool.

An excellent way to ascertain the amount of material to be used is by placing the pattern on a newspaper cut the width of cloth to be purchased, to see if a saving cannot be made by rearranging pattern after all the calculations of changes have been made. Usually a saving is made over the amount specified in pattern directions by finding the skirt and sleeves need not be as long, and less material need be left below the waist line of waists. Examine your pattern illustration, for usually there are variations that change the necessary amount of material. For instance, where both long and short sleeves are illustrated, the specified amount of material will be for the long sleeves, but if your "want" is a short sleeve, you can save by suggested measurements. In these days a yard or more may be saved.

The one-piece dress still holds its place as leader for becomingness, easy-to-wear, and requiring less material and labor. And for the one "looking ahead" it certainly makes over to good advantage.

Stitches That Trim

One saving that fashion has accomplished is the use of fancy stitches and coarse embroidery as the sole trimming for dresses, blouses and skirts. These are mostly done with wools, and if a finer effect is desired, separate the strands. Hats have come in for this style of trimming, combining several bright colors in stitches and bunches of flowers. A favorite trimming is to embroider with wool, in "running" stitch, a large design of flowers and leaves in varied colors on a broad ribbon. The embroidery will come exactly in front, with the ends of ribbon tied in a bow at the back.

A "running" stitch is a pretty finish for collars and cuffs, whether they are made of cotton, net or silk. Another effective trimming is easily and quickly done as follows: Baste embroidery patterns to material, and if there is any danger

of stretching, baste another paper underneath. Stitch the embroidery pattern on the machine, using for the top heavy sewing silk of the color desired, and fill the bobbin with cotton thread to match. The tension of machine should be tested before work is begun. Tear away the papers carefully and you will be pleased with the results.

Extending the Service of Clothing

It is quite the style to remodel clothing, and everyone is turning and making over good materials from men's coats to stocking legs. Not only do we save the price of new, but our "before-the-war" clothing still has more wear in it than the present new materials.

Combining different materials greatly extends our possibilities, for a skirt of one material, and blouse of another with touches of the skirt material for trimming, make a very useful all-around dress. And if a few pieces are left, cover an old but becoming hat with them to match, for it's the fashion. The new loose, bell sleeves are to be recommended, as a plain bias band or trimmed with fancy stitches is the only finish required, and they will not bind or tear out at the armhole.

Middy blouses for girls and children offer one of the most useful garments of the day. Old skirts that can be turned, or perhaps "dipped," are bound to make a middy for a small child. In the event of a plaited skirt, use two or four plaits at center front and back, pressing over a damp cloth to remove any creases that may be left from the remaining plaits. Wear the blouse with an inch-wide belt of same.

The unworn parts of old shirts also work into blouses, using part for part. Use collar and cuffs of a contrasting material. Where shirts are made at home it is wise to select materials in view to making the least worn parts to further service. The best values are in the regular shirtings. Select those with warp of even threads as they will not split. Striped and plain ginghams are also good values. Tiny garments such as rompers, creepers, bloomers, and waists to be worn under colored dresses, can be cut from old shirts, making a good saving.

Economize on patterns by very carefully ripping and pressing old garments that fit satisfactorily and cut paper patterns from them. If a little larger size is necessary, widen the front and back by setting the pattern in from the edge or fold of cloth, but not too much, for by so doing the neck will be made too large. A sleeve may be lengthened by setting in the required amount in two places; half way between shoulder and elbow, and elbow and cuff. This keeps the elbow of sleeve in the right position which is necessary to make it fit well.

Two waists to one skirt is excellent economy. One plain, on the shirt-waist order, and the second for dressy occasions. I saw a most ingenious piece of work on this plan. An old medium-weight suit was the background, and was ripped, turned and sponged with great care. The skirt being too wide, a saving of material was thereby made; and, being too long, what was cut off made patch pockets and a belt. In recutting, a plain sport type of skirt was chosen, and a tailored waist to match. The coat sleeves were recut, and from wrist to elbow buttoned closely. The neck was low and square at the front, and finished with a straight plain silk collar cut from a strong portion of lining. The second waist was cut plain, and straight down each side of front from neck end of shoulder seam. The bell-shaped sleeves, vestee and collar were made from georgette to match, the vestee covered with narrow ruffles. A plain collar of net was edged with lace and worn over collar.

Do not lay aside little dresses made from flouncing because they are too short, but very accurately fold batiste or muslin and baste edges to the outside of folds of scallops. From the outside, hem around each scallop so it will iron well, and on the wrong side sew securely, but with fairly loose stitch, back about one eighth of an inch. Trim away the cloth from the under side and you have simply made a good hem and a different style of flouncing.

It is often difficult to obtain a perfectly hanging skirt without assistance, but here is a plan that works satisfactorily. Put the skirt on and mark the desired length where the hem is to be turned. Next, stand in natural position against a table, and with pins or chalk mark all the way around where the material touches the table. Take off skirt and measure with your tape or yardstick the length between table marking to that where the hem is to be turned, and continue this measurement all around the skirt.

House slippers for each member of the family are one of the essentials, and pieces from old heavy coats for tops, and soles from old felt bats make durable soles. Several thicknesses of the felt, machine-stitched together, add to warmth and wear. If you lack a pattern for the top, use an old stocking, folding the sides flat together and cut by it. Use two thicknesses of cloth if it is thin and interline also. Bind edges with strong bias cloth.

Useful Odds and Ends

The worn-out cuffs of a man's shirt, joined together, make the right size and thickness for an ironing holder. Bind the edge.

In ripping snap fasteners from a garment, rip the corresponding snap and socket and snap them together. This saves oft wasted time in hunting for "mates."

In case the machine oil-can gives out, a medicine dropper will do equally good work in oiling all parts of the machine. Oil each end of the treadle frequently.

A creeping child will necessarily wear out stocking knees, but more or less of this can be prevented by knee protectors made from old stocking feet from which the worn heels and toes are cut. The tops of old long kid gloves are also excellent for this purpose. Fasten protectors over stocking with same supporter.

When children's stockings shrink in length, crochet a piece on the top.

Protect the baby's shoes, when rolling on the floor, by pulling old stockings over them.

Boys' ties can be made from ribbon ten inches



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long by four wide. Cut the ribbon lengthwise in two pieces. Sew to each end of a tape long enough to run under the collar but not to show in front. Turn in the edges and line. These make good school ties at small expense.

In repairing a "run" in lisle stockings, first sew over-and-over the sides of the run, going round the entire hole and taking care to put the needle back of where the run starts. When this much is accomplished, draw the edges together in herring-bone stitch, taking into the over-and-over stitch only.

A band of old fur sewed to the inside of a child's school coat is a great protection against cold winds. Lamb's wool is equally good.

To finish children's waists, nightdresses, etc., crease a narrow hem and crochet into the cloth, thus holding the hem in place. It makes a pretty finish, is durable and quickly done.

In making over fur, with a sharp-pointed knife, cut through from the skin side, and then sew the two even edges together. Not a bit of the fur is lost in this way, and it will match perfectly.

Sew a piece of thick flannel around the arm of your machine and use for a pincushion.

For a traveling kimono, large pockets to hold necessary toilet articles for use in the dressing-room are a convenience, inasmuch as they avoid the necessity of laying articles down in soiled places, and, besides, in this way they will not be left behind.

For sewing on shoe buttons, use a three-sided, straight carpet needle, as it acts as its own awl in pushing through the leather.

Do not machine stitch across seams in hemming skirts, but sew by hand, and it is well to do this first.

When darning frayed edges, turn cloth on the wrong side and carefully whip the two edges together, taking care not to draw them. Turn and darn from the right side.

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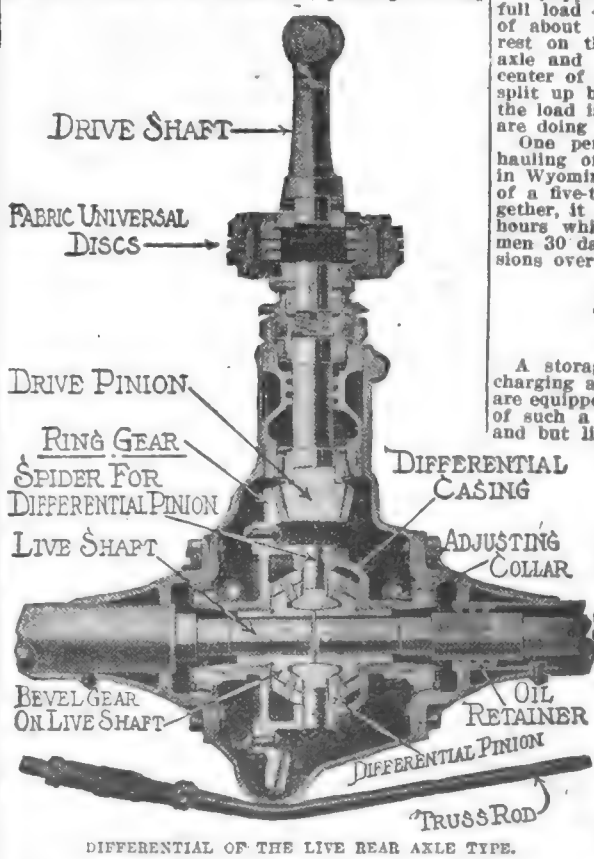
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Differential Construction

As explained in the previous issue, the purpose of a differential is to enable one of the driving wheels to revolve slower than the other driving wheel, a condition which is necessary when turning corners, etc. Several forms of differentials have been brought out of late years but we will explain the principle of the one which is to be found in the majority of cars and trucks. There are two types of rear axles, viz., the live and dead forms. The dead type is found mostly on trucks, and, as the name would imply, its purpose is to carry the rear wheels and does not revolve to drive them. A differential is used with this type of axle but usually it is mounted on the countershaft and chains run from the countershafts to the rear wheels. The internal gear drive includes the carrying of the rear wheels on a dead axle and a countershaft secured to the dead axle so that it is possible to drive the rear wheels by gears attached to the ends of the countershafts.

However, we will limit this discussion to the live axle found in the present-day passenger model,



DIFFERENTIAL OF THE LIVE REAR AXLE TYPE.

and once the principle of operation is grasped it will be an easy matter to decipher other forms.

With this type, each rear wheel is driven by a separate axle shaft. At the inner end of each axle shaft, a bevel gear is keyed and pinned or fastened in some manner that it becomes practically integral with the shaft. The differential casing entirely encloses the bevel gears at the inner ends of the axle shafts and also carries a set of bevel pinions which engage with the bevel gears on the axle shafts. On the outside of the differential case, a large bevel-driven gear, many times referred to as a ring gear, is securely fastened. This large ring gear engages with a bevel driving pinion which is, in turn, coupled with the driving shaft.

Now that we have named the parts entering into the construction, let us learn what action takes place. We stated above that the bevel pinions which are carried by the differential casing are engaged with the bevel gears at the inner ends of the axle shafts. It is now evident that the pinions would be prevented from turning on their studs as long as both wheels were traveling forward or backward at the same rate of speed. However, jack one rear wheel free from the floor, start the engine and engage a gear (high for example); you will notice that the wheel which is jacked free from the floor will revolve while the wheel which is resting on the floor will remain stationary.

This is due to the drive following the lines of least resistance, and the action is as follows: the bevel pinions, carried by the differential casing turn on their axles and run over the bevel gear teeth which are stationary and drive the gear for the wheel which is jacked from the floor.

The same action occurs when the car turns a street corner. The inner wheel, of course, does not stop but it revolves at a very slow speed. The pinions, however, operate on the principle outlined above. Remember that as long as the resistance is the same for both rear wheels, the pinions remain stationary and drive each wheel at the same rate of speed. When the resistance upon one wheel is greater than that for the other, the pinions commence to revolve upon their axles and give the drive to the wheel offering the least resistance.

During the past few years, differentials have been introduced which insure the drive to the wheel giving the most resistance. The advantage claimed for this type is that traction is always insured. For example, should one rear wheel rest on mud and the other on dry ground, the wheel on dry ground would get the drive and no difficulty would be experienced in obtaining traction. With the type of rear axle we have described, it would give the drive to the wheel in the mud, since it is on a slippery surface and would offer the least resistance.

Trailers

Quite frequently the individual or a company will possess a truck which develops sufficient power to haul a very large load and yet at times, due to not harnessing the vehicle in the proper manner, there will be loads it will not handle. A manufacturer rates his trucks at 2-3-4-5 tons or whatever the capacity may be. This does not mean that 2-3-4 or 5 tons is the limit of the truck's hauling power. Its real significance is the carrying power. The manufacturer figures the springs, frame, etc., to stand a certain tonnage for the road conditions, and

therefore cautions the owner against loading the truck beyond that capacity.

For a minute, let us turn to the railway business as an example of the point to be brought out. Everyone has seen a locomotive hauling a long string of loaded freight cars. It requires no logic to grasp the thought that the locomotive could not haul the cars if they were piled one on top of the other on it. The weight of the loaded cars would crush the locomotive and render it scrap iron. However, keep the weight off the locomotive and it will haul the cars to their destination. This is an example of mechanical power and the same is true of the human. Try to carry a few hundred pounds on your back and you will not go far. Place the same few hundred pounds in a cart and you can pull it with comparative ease. The point to be brought out is that a piece of machinery or the human can pull a load many times that which he can carry.

A certain lumber company in central Michigan is compelled to haul their logs 20 miles over country roads to their mills. They have in service a small fleet of five-ton trucks, each one of which is equipped with a four-wheel trailer. When a full load of logs is taken on there is a weight of about 17 tons. The front end of the logs rest on the truck body directly over the rear axle and the trailer rests a trifle back of the center of the logs. In this manner the load is split up between the truck and the trailer and the load is moved with ease. Trailers have and are doing much to solve haulage problems.

One performance worthy of mention is the hauling of a steel still by a refining company in Wyoming a distance of 50 miles. By the use of a five-ton truck and two trailers coupled together, it was possible to make the trip in 19 1/2 hours while it had required 36 horses and 10 men 30 days to haul a still of the same dimensions over the same route.

Some Useful Pointers

Overheating Battery

A storage battery can be damaged by overcharging as well as under-charging. Many cars are equipped with automatic cut-outs to take care of such a condition but when considerable day and but little night driving is done, it will be well to take frequent tests of the storage battery. If the reading is high, switch the lights on a few hours during the day, until the battery reading reaches normal. Many manufacturers recommend that the lights be turned on when the cars are driven overland from the factory. This is to keep the amperage down as the battery is fully charged when installed and does not require a steady charge for a number of hours which it would ordinarily receive on the drive away.

Spring Clip

The object of spring clips is not only to hold the springs firmly to the axles but also to prevent movement of the springs between the clips. Breakage of springs at the center is usually due to loose clips. There is a tendency for the spring clips to stretch and, thereby, loosen when the car is new. It is, therefore, good policy to tighten the clips every week when the car is new and later to inspect them at least once a month.

Questions Answered

MAKE AND BREAK TO JUMP SPARK.—I want to change the ignition system of a two and one half h.p. gasoline engine from low to high tension. Can I replace the make-and-break igniter with a spark plug? Would any other part of the engine need to be changed?

L. O. M. B. S. Bardwell, Ky.

A.—In all probability it will be practical for you to install a high-tension magneto and install a spark plug in the cylinder. However, before going to any expense, why not write to the engine manufacturer and tell him about your plans? He undoubtedly will be in a position to advise you or furnish prints showing how the change should be made.

LEAKS OIL, NEEDS NEW GASKET.—Is it possible to make a chemical cell from the zinc and carbon of an old dry cell? Recently I renewed the transmission bands of my 1916 Ford, and when I did so I neglected to renew the gasket under the cover, and the oil leaks out. At first it leaked quite badly, but it has nearly stopped leaking now. Will it stop or leak worse?

H. G. M. Raton, N. Mex.

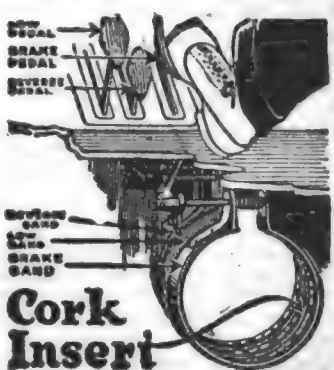
A.—The writer has never learned of anyone having converted a dry cell battery into a wet battery. He assumes that this is what you have reference to when you specify "chemical cell." The dry cell relies upon chemical action for its operation, and, therefore, in reality is a chemical cell. The ordinary dry cell consists of a zinc shell lined with absorbent material such as blotting paper. This paper is saturated with the electrolyte. The space between the paper and the carbon or positive pole in the center is filled with powdered carbon and manganese oxide which serves as a depolarizing agent. Regarding the leaking of oil because you failed to renew the gasket, we believe that the leaking is gradually stopping because all the oil has leaked out. By all means, renew the gasket.

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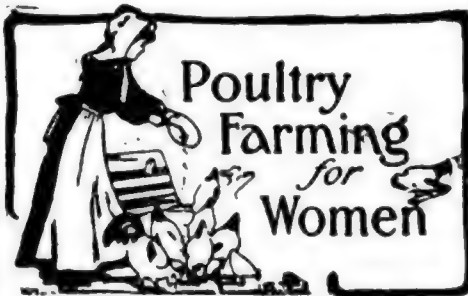
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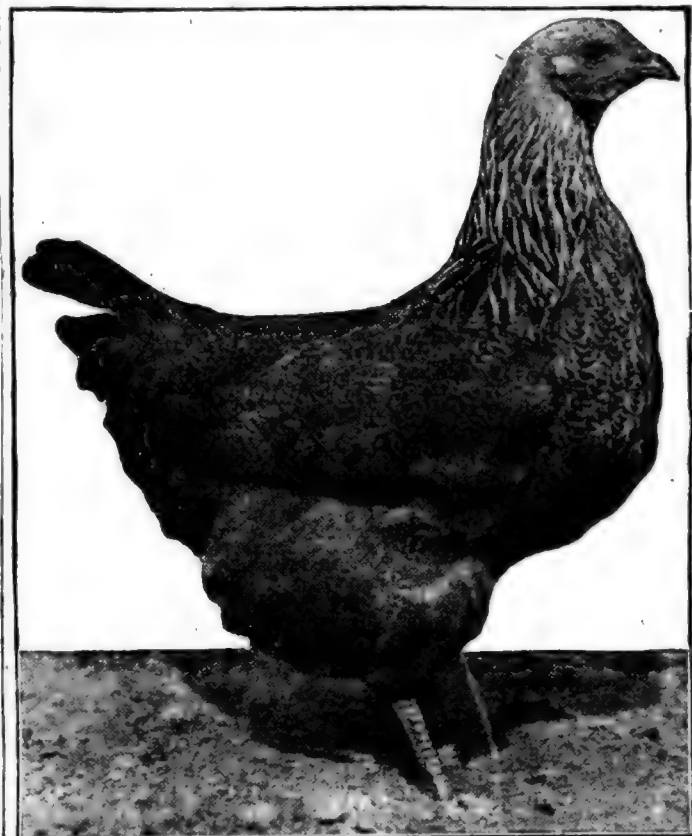


BY KATE V. SAINT MAUR.

Pheasants and Pigeons

POULTRY people who have been keeping pheasants as a side line must look sharply after eggs from now on, because pheasants will lay in any sheltered corner on the ground rather than in any made nest, and the male birds are really cannibals. If they catch sight of an egg they devour it immediately, so it is well to sneak round the yards, locate the nests, and steal the eggs as frequently as possible. Pheasants are never very good setters or mothers, especially in captivity, so the best plan is to use a bantam or small Leghorn hen to set the eggs under. When you have stolen nine eggs, get a box a foot square, turn it on one side, and across the bottom of the open front nail a slat, behind which place a nest of soft hay. Stand this nest box inside (at one end) of another box two and a half feet long, with sides a foot or more deep. Make a cover of half-inch mesh wire netting, for the large box, to open like a lid. Scatter sand on the floor, nail up a small drinking pan in one corner, and you have a safe, rat-proof coop for Biddy and the eggs. Another motive for the outer box is that baby pheasants are so very little, so wild, and so easily frightened, that they are apt to quit the nest as soon as hatched, get lost, become chilled, and die.

It takes from twenty-five to twenty-six days to incubate eggs of the English or Ring-necked variety. The brood coop to be used the first two weeks should be on the same principle as the nest boxes, and even when they are on the grass-



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run you must exercise the greatest caution to avoid anything like cracks or crevices in or around the sides, for they are such mites, and have such capacity for getting through the eyes of needles, that special care is necessary. If some knothole or some depression in the ground has escaped your vigilance, and a baby does stray off, so about two yards away and remain perfectly still. Don't be impatient. It may be ten minutes before you hear anything. Then, unless all hope is over, you will hear a plaintive little cry. Do not move until it has been repeated three or four times, and you are quite sure where it comes from. Then make a sudden dive and secure the truant, which is usually under a tuft of grass or in some little hole. If you move about while hunting for him, there won't be a sound, and you may hunt all day with little success.

Feed for Young Pheasants

Give the usual nothing for twenty-four hours; then stale cornmeal bread, crumbled (half a cupful), one tablespoonful of silver sand, one tablespoonful of crushed mustard seed, one teaspoonful of maw seed (poppy seed), one hard-boiled egg chopped fine. Mix all together and feed every two hours between 6 A. M. and 4 P. M. for three days, after which milk curds, crushed wheat, pinhead oatmeal, chopped lettuce, green onions and boiled liver can be added to the bill of fare.

A change of diet sharpens appetite, so use discretion in alternating the latter dainties. Meat, vegetables or fruit are all necessities to these birds, and when possible should be supplied in the more natural form of grubs, insects and berries. Ants' eggs are among their favorite foods, and are easily obtained by digging into the middle of an ant hill. Meal grubs can also be created by slightly moistening meal, then keeping it in a moderately warm place.

After the eighth week, cracked corn, wheat, barley, Kaffir corn, rape—in fact, all the small grains, are staple food for the rest of their lives, and can always be left before them in self-feeding boxes, for they are not gluttons and never eat too much.

Once a day a crumbly mash containing meat and green stuff of some sort should be fed if the birds are to be kept in good breeding condition.

The Demand for Pheasants

The demand for pheasants has been growing steadily for the last ten years, and it is safe to say that it will continue to increase, as the government has made very extensive experiments with the birds in different parts of the country, and is now convinced that the English pheasant is the best bird to take the place of native game birds, which have become so very scarce during the last ten years.

There are now several hundred small breeders in Massachusetts, Long Island, New Jersey and Connecticut, and in a recent report issued by the Commissioners of Fisheries and Game, we are told that the abundance of pheasants must depend on the many small breeders, because there are many more people who can breed a few pheasants in captivity than there are of those who can breed thousands, as they cannot be kept in large flocks like chickens.

At present the principal demand comes from the owners of large estates, and game clubs, and wealthy people who care to beautify their homes by erecting aviaries on their lawns and stocking them with the gorgeous varieties of pheasants, which are the Lady Amethyst, Golden, and Silver.

For stocking preserves and for game clubs, the varieties known as English and ring-necked are preferred, as their more somber coloring makes them less conspicuous when liberated in woodlands. Men and women living in the vicinity of wealthy homes would find it profitable to keep a pair of any one of the three ornamental varieties and sell their progeny for aviaries, and a trio of either English or Ring-necked will give them a good start, with the more plebian birds for stock and market.

Pigeons for Profits

Where pigeons are kept for squab raising, it is one of the most profitable ventures in which suburbanites or real country folk can embark. The young are ready for market when four weeks old; a good pair of mature birds will raise two squabs every four weeks for nine months in the year which means that each pair of old birds should provide one and one half dozen squabs, which will market for four dollars and fifty cents. The cost of keep is supposed to be fifty cents a year, but even allowing one dollar a year, there should be three dollars and fifty cents clear profit.

These estimates are made on good homer pigeons, well housed and cared for; not common nondescript birds, leading a half-wild existence, with only old-fashioned shelter behind a row of holes high up in a barn, where the nests are exposed to every storm; besides which, the young of mongrel pigeons only weigh five or six ounces when four weeks old, and are so scrawny and unappetizing that they are difficult to market at any price, whilst homers at any age weigh from twelve to twenty ounces, and are white skinned and plump. The mature homers will cost about two dollars a pair from any of the recognized lofts.

Drinking fountains and feeding boxes into which the birds can only get their beaks are imperative for pigeons, for they are most particular, and will not take defiled food or drink unless positively starved into it. Yet, if they have open feed and water boxes, they will scatter the contents all over the floor. There is a galvanized iron feeding box costing one dollar on the market, which has seven openings, so that many birds can feed at the same time. Water fountains of the same material are virtually indestructible, and cost only fifty cents.

The yard and fly must of course be entirely closed for pigeons, and should be four feet higher than the front of the house so that the birds can use the roof for a sun parlor. We use four-by-four joists, cut into twelve-foot lengths, for the front of the house, as they can be nailed to the house and need not be sunk into the ground as those at the side and far end must be. The joists for the sides and end are cut into thirteen and one half foot lengths, which allows a foot and a half to go into the ground. These measurements allow the use of four-foot netting without any waste. For a house twelve feet long, I think the yard should be at least fifty feet. Erect several perches at the far end of the yard, a platform about two feet wide and four feet long on legs three feet high in the center of the yard for the bathtubs to stand on. Pigeons must have a bath, for cleanliness is a necessity; a pan about two feet square and four inches deep is the best size, and they can be bought in galvanized iron for one dollar each.

Red wheat, Kaffir corn, cracked corn, Canadian field peas, German millet and hemp seed are all appropriate for pigeons. They should be alternated, or one or two mixed together. Of course, sometimes one grain is cheaper than another, or easier to get in certain districts, but don't use any one grain exclusively. Pigeons must have variety.

We follow the rations recommended by W. E. Rice, a very experienced pigeon raiser. Morning: Equal parts of cracked corn, Kaffir corn and wheat. Evening: Cracked corn and Canadian peas. These regular meals are put into feed boxes in quantity sufficient to insure the birds having a constant supply. Treats which we feed at odd times, such as millet, hemp and rice, are thrown on the ground, for, as they are only fed in comparatively small quantities, they are eaten up at once, and so there is no danger of their being spoiled. Remember always to buy red, not white wheat, for the latter is very apt to cause diarrhea.

Cleanliness is even more imperative in the pigeon house than in the henhouse. Never neglect to scald out the earthenware nest and whitewash the compartment it stands in, every time squabs are removed for market, for it is only by such rigid system that the place can be kept in sanitary condition. Pigeons must have shell, salt and charcoal to be healthy, so there should be a self-feeder with three compartments in each house. When ordering, specify that the oyster shell is for pigeons, as it is to be broken up smaller than for the hens. The rock salt and charcoal should be ground to about the size of rice. During the heavy breeding season we crush most of the grain, and always peas, for when the parent birds are rushed for time between their two nests, they are very liable to pick up whole grain and feed it to the young birds before they are able to digest it. Before we discovered this carelessness, we often found a dead squab in the nest. The feed boxes can be kept filled up, as pigeons never overeat, and must have access to food at all times when they have young ones to feed.

If you start with a few pairs of birds, the best way to increase the number is to sell the squabs and use the money to buy mature birds, for it takes two pigeons six months to reach maturity, and it is necessary to have two extra houses in which to keep the growing birds, as they should not be allowed to remain in the regular brood pen. If, however, you have specially mated birds and desire to raise their progeny, you must watch the nests, and as soon as the young ones get out on the floor (the old ones generally push them out when the eggs in the

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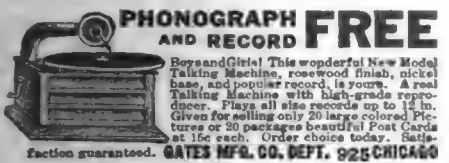
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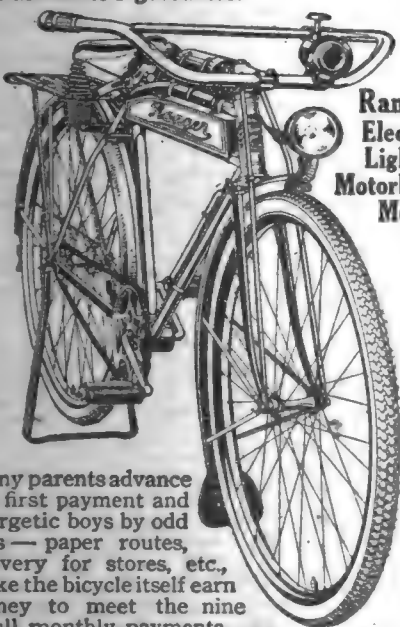


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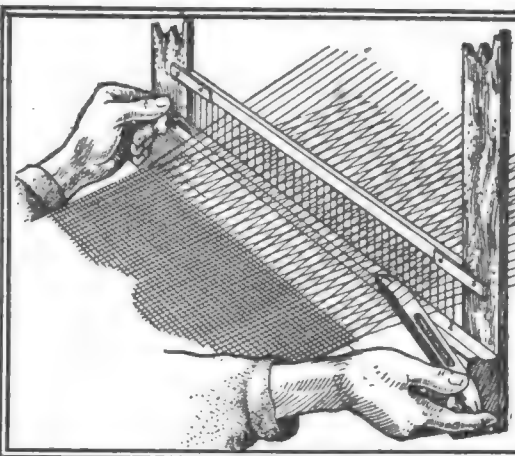
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By Caroline Ellis

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RUGS made from used and made-over materials have come into their own again in use and popular favor. The present values accorded all kinds of home-made floor coverings have caused the revival. In this age of advanced civilization of a primitive age practiced by all peoples from the most remote antiquity. These simple weaving processes which we find so beautifying and artistic were used, and are still used, by the savages, especially in the making of mats. And just as they still hold to the simple arrangement of fastening the warp between sticks driven into the ground, and in "darning" fashion worked the filling in and out by hand, so do we cling to the old-time hand-loom in making the home-made rag rug.

All through the ages there has been a tenacious holding on to hand processes. In point is one very recent example, when, during the great war, frames were introduced in some of the grade schools whereby mufflers could be made for the soldiers with greater accuracy and rapidly than with knitting needles. Who shall say that while these children were being taught patriotism by doing their "bit," that another equally important seed was not being sown from which ways of thrift and home making would spring? I saw a girl of ten years operating one of these frames and her delight and satisfaction would do credit to one of older years.

While we are essentially going to talk about things made at home, it is a boon to housewives that old clothing and worthless rugs and carpets can be "reclaimed" and made into floor coverings. Instead of selling them as "rags" or in exchange for some commodity of small value, when every kind of textile has advanced in value until we "patch the patch."

Preparing Rug Materials

There is a tradition that Martha Washington carefully raveled her old silk dresses, reeled the thread into skeins, and dyed them, from which, with her own hands, she wove material for chair cushions. This is but an example in illustration of the value attached to the home-made furnishings. We could not, if we would, ravel the modern "silks," for they are so "weighted," adulterated, and "mercerized" that the old-time silk materials, probably the longest wearing fabric known, is practically a thing of the past.

Cotton strips to be woven should be torn, not

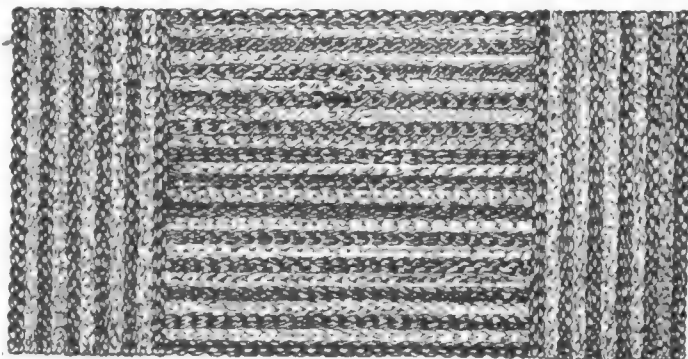
RUGS

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cut, into lengths about one inch wide, this depending on the fineness of weave desired. No rule can be given for width of strips to be braided, as those of thin materials should be wider than heavy ones when used in the same braid.

The crocheted rug here illustrated was made from stocking legs. These were cut into strips about two thirds of an inch wide, by cutting lengthwise or round and round. The ends are sewed together by whipping back and forth. Over the edge of a table the strips are gently drawn back and forth so that the edges are evenly turned in, making a "yarn" which crochets or knits very prettily with a coarse hook or large needles. White stockings may be dyed to match furnishings of room. Old gauze or finely knit underwear can be worked in the same way, producing something of value from seemingly valueless material. The one shown was first made square and then ends were crocheted on.

If materials are to be dyed, it is very important that they be first thoroughly cleansed.



CROCHETED RUG OF "YARN" MADE FROM OLD STOCKINGS.

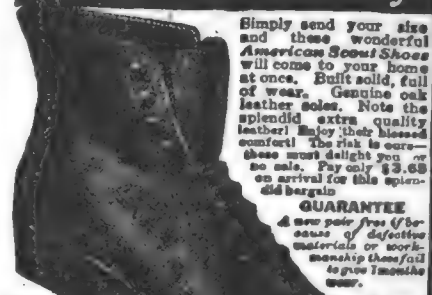
Soft, and if possible, rain water should be used for cleansing, and this applies to dyeing as well. Many a dyeing process has failed simply because of some chemical impurity in the water used in mixing the dye. Prepared dyes are the safest for home use, and directions should be studied and carefully followed.

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Poultry Farming for Women

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second nest hatch) they can fend for themselves, and should be removed to a nursery house, where all food must be cracked to the size of rice for several weeks. When one desires to build up size and good points, it is necessary to have two nursery houses, and so be in a position to select the best birds from different parentage to mate.

To illustrate: The nestlings from one side of the house should go into Nursery No. 1, nestlings from the other side into Nursery No. 2. Our nurseries are only seven by ten feet, so we never have more than twenty birds in each, and they can be taken within a few days of each other, in this way making very little difference in age when it comes to mating time. When the younger ones in the nurseries are between six and seven months old, we take a bird from each and put them into a mating cage, which is really a coop, four feet long, two and one half feet deep, and two feet high, which is fastened up in one corner of the feed house. The coop is divided into two compartments by a wire netting door. A bird is put into each compartment. If they are male and female, they will commence within a week or two to coo and talk to each other through the wire, at which time the compartment is fastened up to the top of the cage, and they are allowed to have the run of the coop for three or four days, after which they are put into a regular breeding house, where they will soon take possession of the nest. If, however, the birds chosen simply ignore each other after they are put into the mating cage, one of them is removed to another cage, and two more birds are taken from the nursery house and put into the two compartments. In this way we go through the nests until we have them all paired.

Correspondence

Subscribers are entitled to advice of our Poultry Editor, free, through the columns of this department. Address: Poultry Editor, COMFORT, Augusta, Maine. BE SURE to give your full name and address, otherwise your letter will receive no attention.

E. E. S.—From the description you send I think the bird has bronchitis. Get some arsenite or antimony tablets, 1-1000 of a grain drug strength. Give four tablets between 7 A. M. and 5 P. M. each day until a cure is accomplished. Bronchitis is only an affection of the air tubes, so the other hens in the flock can safely be fattened and used for the table.

G. C. H.—There are so many good incubators on the market that it is quite impossible to single out the one that is best. Your best plan would be to find out what manufacturers have agents in your vicinity, so that you can look at the machines and select the one which appeals to you most.

A. SUBSCRIBER.—Wheezing, and such symptoms of cold don't always mean roup. In an attack of roup, the eyes usually look watery, and the bird's body feels feverish to the touch. The mouth and nostrils show a deposit of mucous, and always there is the one un-



STACKING NEW SOAP TO DRY.

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IN reply to my question, "Do you still make your own soap?" my neighbor expressed herself as follows: "Yes, but I make less, for I have learned how to clarify and deodorize more of my waste fats which makes them too valuable for cooking purposes to put into soap grease. However," she added, "we use soap now instead of wasting it as we did when I made so much." And to myself I said, "This is as it should be."

Soap making and soap saving is what we are going to talk about, but first let us touch on fat economy, which means a scrupulous avoidance of waste, not going without. As when we discuss every known commodity nowadays, we remark on the price, so will we say of fats, the price has put them in the class of luxuries, and the only way out is the road of economy.

When we refer to fats we mean cream, butter, butter substitutes, lard, fatty meats and fish, the vegetable oils, nuts, etc., and in the various processes of their use it is only through care that waste is prevented. After a greasy dinner, if one would take the pains to rinse each plate and the platters free from grease with a little clear hot water, save it and skim off the fat, they would be surprised at how far it would go toward a bar of soap. Children seldom care for fat meats and will leave them on their plate, and it is a waste to serve it to them.

We are told by scientists who have studied the effects of fat upon the body, that not over two and a half ounces of fat each day are necessary to health. It can be seen therefore that when milk and cream and good butter, a moderate amount of meat, cheese and meat are eaten, that it is a waste to use much fat in greasy frying, rich pastry, or adding too much fat to vegetables.

In greasing a griddle, use a piece of salt pork on the end of a fork instead of cooking the cakes in pools of fat. Grease is wasted, and cake and biscuits often spoiled, by daubing the pans with too thick a coating.

Rendering and Clarifying Fats

Save all the trimmings, uncooked and cooked, and while fresh cut into very small pieces or put through food chopper. Add water to cover well and a little cooking soda. Slowly bring to a boil and cook until nearly all the water has evaporated. Strain through a wire sieve, add a sliced unpeeled raw potato, set into oven, and when the fat stops bubbling it is ready to strain and put into containers.

Use the same process for odd lots of grease. The cause of soap grease molding while it is being accumulated, for a "batch" of soap, is insufficient clarifying. In adding new fat to the savings, put the container into the oven and heat it all together. Mutton fat will make a superior quality of soap.

HARD SOAP, No. 2.—Dissolve one pound can of lye in one quart of cold water and let it cool. Stir occasionally with a smooth stick. Add in a

mistakable symptom belonging to true roup, which is the extremely disagreeable odor which can be noticed on the bird's breath. Open the beak of the sick birds, and examine their mouths and throats for a slimy looking discharge or a cheesy yellowish deposit, and then for the unmistakable odor of the breath. If that is not present, you may be sure that you have only a common cold, or, at worst, bronchitis, to fight. However, read answer to E. E. S. in this issue. If, however, the symptoms are those of roup, you must at once remove the sick bird from the rest of the flock, and keep them in a strict quarantine, for roup is very contagious, and will quickly spread through the flock unless you take drastic means to check its advance. After removing the sick birds, clean the chicken house, feed and water dishes, perches and nests, and use a strong disinfectant over all. Treat the sick birds as follows: Get ten cents' worth of permanganate of potassium from the drug store, dilute one teaspoonful of the flakes in a quart of water. For use, dilute a tablespoonful of the solution with two tablespoonfuls of water, then fill a small syringe and spray the birds' throats, nostrils and eyes three times a day. Following the syringe, use a wing feather. Strip it to within about an inch of the tip, then saturate it with the wash, and thoroughly swab out the bird's throat and

REVIVAL OF HOME SOAP-MAKING

By Ella Gardiner

fine stream six pounds of clarified melted fat, stirring continually. The fat must not be warm, and the best way to prepare it is by thoroughly melting and cooling to the point where it becomes "creamy," or semi-firm. Stir until thick and smooth and then pour into paper-lined boxes. Use waxed paper if convenient. Cut into bars before it becomes hard.

HARD SOAP, No. 2.—Dissolve one pound can of lye in one quart of cold water and let it stand until cool. Mix together two tablespoonfuls of sugar, one teaspoon of salt and three tablespoonfuls of borax, and then add one half cup of soft cold water and one quarter of a cup of ammonia. Stir this into the cool lye water, and then in a fine stream add five pounds of melted fat which is at the "creamy" consistency, stirring continually. Continue to stir until the whole mixture is thick and light colored. Line a box with dampened strips of cloth, pour in the soap, and when firm cut into bars.

SOFT SOAP.—Dissolve one pound of lye in three gallons of cold rain water, and when cool, slowly add four pounds of melted fat. Boil until the mixture becomes transparent and all the greasy appearance has disappeared. Add eleven gallons of boiling hot rain water, boil until thoroughly mixed, and set away to cool, when it should be the consistency of soft jelly.

TOILET SOAP.—Dissolve one pound can of lye in one quart of cold water and set to cool. Have ready five pounds of clear mutton tallow that is cold but not hard, and very slowly add it to the lye water, beating continually. Now while continuing the beating, add two tablespoonfuls of ammonia, four ounces of glycerine, and a very little at a time, one half ounce of oil of lavender. When smooth and creamy, pour into papered boxes.

Oat Meal Soap from Soap Savings

Take bits of soap too small to use and shave fine. To one half cup of soap add one cup of boiling water, keeping it warm until dissolved. Into this mixture stir ground rolled oats, or oat meal, until it is the consistency of dough. Shape into round flat cakes and dry.

A pitcher of liquid soap from which a fine stream can be poured is a great saving of soap, as it does away, for hand-washing, with the frequent dipping of the cake into water, which so rapidly wastes it away. Liquid soap is simply made by melting soap in sufficient water so that when it cools it will be thin enough to pour in small quantities. Children take to this liquid soap very kindly. Try it.

Soap Paste for Grimy Hands

Make a mixture about the consistency of soft dough as follows: Melt soap in enough water so that it will be a soft jelly. To one cupful add one teaspoon of borax, two tablespoonfuls of strong vinegar, three tablespoonfuls of hot lard, and one tablespoon of fine pumice. Stir into this coarse corn meal. This is excellent for very soiled hands. It should be rubbed on while the hands are dry, and when the dirt seems to be removed, wash hands in warm soap and water.

mouth, which will answer almost as well as spraying. N. M. C.—Turkey eggs can be hatched in an incubator, but the babies should be given to an old turkey or a motherly hen to brood, as turkeys still retain enough of their old nature to depend on a mother to scratch and show them food; at least, I have found that they don't do well in a brooder unless one takes time to scatter a few grains of food in front of them about every half hour. Food left in a dish does not seem to attract them at all.

F. MacF.—I have no price list, and I cannot recommend breeders in this column. R. O.—As you are a subscriber, you will have received the February number of COMFORT before this. The poultry department in that number dealt with ducks and geese, and will answer your question more fully than I could in this column.

E. C.—Any drug or hardware store that keeps thermometers would be able to get you a hygrometer, or you can write to the Rochester Optical Company, Rochester, N. Y. Refer to the poultry department in the January number of COMFORT. It will give you the relative amount of heat and moisture necessary at

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Stains on the Table-Cloth

What to Do with Them

By Alice Lindsey Webb

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PROVOKING? Of course it is! It is always the best damask table-cloth that gets the candle grease on it, for it is used for the birthday party, or the banquet when the candelabra are used. It is always the best cloth that gets the grease from the big "company" platter, when Daddy gets excited in carving the fowl and it slips; and the best cloth gets the cocoa spilled by little folk who "can't help it 'cause it was so hot."

All these make stains that are stubborn to get out, but may be managed easily enough when one knows just the trick. The candle grease, for instance, may be taken out readily by two methods. One may either put fresh white blotting paper above and beneath and press with a hot iron, which will melt the wax (and the blotting paper will take it up); or one may dissolve it slowly with gasoline or alcohol.

Blotting paper may be used for other kinds of grease than the candle wax, or the spot may be washed in cold water and soap, or powdered with French chalk (convenient if the cloth is otherwise perfectly fresh), and that will absorb the grease slowly.

Cocoa or chocolate stains should be washed first in cold water, and then boiling water poured through.

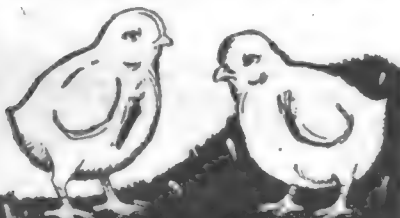
For coffee or tea stains, the boiling water should be poured through—the sooner the better. Many times a drop of medicine will make a bad stain. Alcohol or chloroform will dissolve most of these. The latter will remove iodine stains.

Wine stains may be treated as coffee stains, pouring boiling water through. If they do not yield, salt may be put on, more hot water poured through and the cloth laid in the sunshine. If the stain is made by a yellow wine instead of red, however, the cloth should be washed in cold water first, then with warm water and soap. If one happens to have on hand a solution of oxalic acid, one may put that on and hold the spot over a bowl of steaming hot water, then rinse at once in ammonia and afterward in clear water. Remember that oxalic acid is poison and keep it out of reach of children and where it will do no harm.

Often ink stains may be taken out in this same way. (Why will some people always forget to spread a newspaper before writing with ink on the dining table?) As inks differ greatly in their composition, it is sometimes hard to tell just what is best to remove the spot. One way is to moisten with lemon juice, sprinkle with salt, and hold over the bowl of hot water, then treat as in the case of the yellow wine. Spring and summer usually bring fruit stains onto the table; yes, and in fall and winter there are the juices of canned fruits to stain. Alcohol will dissolve many of these. If they do not come out at once, boiling water should be poured through; or a little salt of lemon may be put on, hot water poured through, and the place rinsed first in ammonia and then clear water.

It is well, also, to know how to deal with mildew. A paste should be made of chalk, salt, soap and water, applied to the place, and the cloth left in the sunshine or on the green grass a while. Sometimes alcohol is effective with stubborn cases.

Search (oh! that careless laundress!) may occasionally be removed by merely leaving the cloth in the bright sun. If it doesn't come out then, it should be dipped in soapuds, made good and strong, and put out in the sun again.



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Plan Your Garden Now

DON'T wait until planting time comes but plan your garden now. These long winter evenings are fine for planning. Study your seed catalogs and consult your farm papers for suggestions as to what to plant. Then sit down and draw a plan of your garden. Put your early vegetables where they will be handy to the kitchen so that the housewife can run out and get them easily and quickly. Line your potatoes and sweet corn up with your field crops so that you can cultivate with a horse. Don't ask the wife to use the hose for a job that can be better and much more quickly done with a horse.

Order Your Seeds Early

Don't wait until the rush of spring ordering to send for seeds and then complain because they are late in arrival. Order now before the seed houses are "swamped" with the spring rush and have your seeds on hand ready to plant as soon as the proper time comes and the ground and the weather are fit.

Try a Few Novelties

Don't be carried away with extravagant claims of advertisers—but, on the other hand, don't be afraid to try a few novelties each year. But remember when you buy novelties that you are taking a chance, and then if they fail, don't "kick." Often you will be greatly surprised and pleased with such an experiment. For your regular crop, however, stick to standard and well-known varieties.

Send for Bulletins and Catalogs Now

Are you going to try a new crop this year? Then send to your State Experiment Station for a bulletin on this crop and read up on it. This information is just what you need for success.

Search the advertising pages of farm papers for reliable seed house advertisements and send for their catalogs now so that you can order your seeds early. The main thing to remember is to "Plan your garden now." The rest will follow naturally.

Don't Buy Cheap Seeds

It doesn't pay to plant poor seed. A poor stand means a loss of the crop or a replanting. Cheap seeds mean a poor stand. Why?

It is often possible to buy seeds at a "penny a packet." What are these seeds? Invariably they are either old seeds, poor seeds or so small packets as to be scarcely worth while. Bargain-counter seeds are the poorest investment the farmer or gardener can make. Upon the seed depends completely the future crop. The farmer or gardener can't afford to risk his crop, which represents his season's work and is his usual source of income in poor seed. Buy proven seeds of reliable dealers.

Be wary, also, of the seed peddler. Whom does he represent? What guaranty have you of the reliability of the seeds he offers? Peddling is an expensive way of distributing seeds, and the peddler has to make a large profit to cover cost of doing business in this way.

Don't Plant Inferior Seed

"With all kinds of seed as high as they are, the use of inferior seed is a most expensive form of carelessness. Careful testing of practically all kinds of seed has long been urged by the United States Department of Agriculture, and special stress is being placed on it, now that prices are so unusually high. In the matter of clover seed, for instance, attention is called to the fact that comparatively cheap seed may be actually higher than those that cost more money, because of low germination. The department, at various times, has issued advice in bulletins and other forms of the best methods of testing seeds. This information may be had free on application."—U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Why Eat Vegetables

Vegetables should form a part of the daily diet if we wish to keep our bodies well nourished. All vegetables contain many valuable elements essential to growth of muscles, bones, blood, and also serve as fuel to keep the body warm.

The farmer when he is planning his garden must remember that it is not only a means of varying the monotony of the daily diet but is a great factor in keeping the family well and making the doctor's visits fewer.

Knowing this, it is very foolish to skimp on the variety of vegetables raised, or the necessary amount to serve plenty in the summer and also have a goodly surplus canned for the winter. Laying aside the fact of the economy of serving vegetables, the great reason which should never be forgotten is, if we wish to keep well, we must eat vegetables.

The Body Needs Vegetables

The blood requires a great deal of iron. Without it, we become pale, listless, and such a state, if allowed to continue, is dangerous. Of course, the doctor may administer iron to try and correct such a condition but the wise person by eating plenty of vegetables such as spinach, lettuce, beans, peas, carrots, corn, potatoes and turnips, not only is giving iron to the blood but is supplying other such needed essentials to body building.

Beans, peas and lentils are great muscle builders. Potatoes, beets, melons, sweet corn, carrots, or any vegetables with sugar in them, serve as fuel for the body and help warm it.

Bulk Necessary in Diet

Again, we need bulk in our diet. If we eat too concentrated a food, such as meat or cheese, we only aggravate that most prevalent condition, constipation, which is so fatal to the good health of the body. Among the vegetables that supply bulk and act as laxatives are asparagus, greens, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, onions, lettuce and cucumbers.

Use Milk with Vegetables

A wise way to cook vegetables, when no meat is served, is to use plenty of butter and milk; don't skimp on milk or butter when cooking vegetables as it surely is poor economy. Many times, children do not like vegetables because the housewife does not take proper care in preparing them. Some children dislike tomatoes cooked as a vegetable but made into a cream soup with milk and butter are very fond of it.

Carrots and peas cooked together with a white sauce are relished by many who would not eat

the carrots alone. The wise housewife will tempt the appetite by taking particular care in preparing vegetable dishes, and train the children to eat them by trying different ways of serving.

Train Children to Eat Vegetables

There is no reason why a person, young or old, should dislike any particular vegetable. Many times we find it a foolish prejudice, and with children the mother should try to overcome this by special care in cooking.

A great many grown-ups eat too much meat, cheese or other highly concentrated foods, thus laying the foundation for all kinds of bodily ills. It is easy for children to imitate their elders, and unless we are careful, sugar, meat and starchy foods will play havoc with the best bodily development of our boys and girls.

Another thing—don't cook vegetables in too much water, and don't throw away any vegetable water that can be used for soup, because the water contains the soluble food portions of the vegetable and should be saved.

Ask the doctor what he thinks of the part the garden should have in your diet. You may learn a lot of valuable things you have not thought of.

Stop Wasting Straw

It seems almost criminal to touch a match to a straw pile and so get it out of the way as quickly as possible. "Wilful waste brings woeful want," is an old saying but a good one, and while a farmer will not ruin himself and family by the poor policy of burning straw, he might thrive better by putting it to good use.

Spreading Straw

When the straw is merely blown into a field at threshing time as too cheap stuff to bale and not needed for stock bedding or feeding, it rots fairly well in districts where there is plenty of rain. Under these conditions it may be handled by a manure spreader and put on the soil that is to be plowed for corn. Loose, dry straw, however, has to be spread by means of a special machine and it has been found profitable to own and use such a straw spreader on large grain farms. Care must be taken, however, not to use diseased straw as a mulch on an autumn or spring sown grain crop. For instance, it would be dangerous to spread straw that is affected with anthracnose disease upon a growing wheat crop; nor do we favor spreading rusty straw where any grain crop is to be grown. It is better to plow under straw to loosen or open heavy clay soils, bind those that are sandy and at the same time add needed humus.

Baling Surplus Straw

On farms where straw is plentiful and not all needed for bedding and feed, it should be baled and sold on the market, provided plenty of animals are kept to make manure and so keep up fertility. Baled straw has been selling for as high prices as did hay a few years ago, and costing but four or five dollars a ton to bale, should prove profitable when the market price is double those amounts. Better than selling it baled, however, is to store the bales—which occupy comparatively small space in the barn. Thus saved and stored, the straw is available in small quantities as needed for bedding and may come in most handy when a subsequent grain crop falls short in straw production. Baled straw keeps well, but would soon rot if left in the rough, loose pile so common on some farms.

Straw as Feed

Bright, clean, sound oat straw is excellent feed for cattle and horses. In Great Britain it forms the bulk of the roughage for the wintering of idle animals and growing stock. It is fed in conjunction with purple top Swedish turnips or rutabagas and mangolds with the addition of some cottonseed or linseed cake to give the necessary protein to balance the ration. Animals so fed maintain fine, sappy condition and grow well. We might follow this example where roots are available, or straw may be fed along with corn silage, as succulence, and bran, or ground grain and oilmeal or cake to balance the feed. Barley and bearded wheat straw are not well suited for feeding. The beards injure fleeces if sheep are allowed access to the straw stacks and cattle and horses are also injured to a certain extent by the beards lacerating or lodging in the mucous membranes of the mouth and in the tongue. Barley beards are commonly blamed for carrying into the tissues the spores of the actinomycetes or ray fungus which causes wooden tongue and lump jaw. Wheat and rye straw are best for bedding purposes. Oat straw is rather chaffy and dusty for that purpose. Barley in the immature state is cut and made into hay for feeding purposes in the Pacific coast states and is valuable for that purpose. Straw is also useful as a mulch for strawberry beds and small fruits and is utilized to some extent to prevent sandy soils from blowing.

Oat straw never should be fed for any length of time as the exclusive roughage feed for horses. Experience shows that it disagrees with the horses in time and leads to many ailments and losses that are blamed to some other disease. Beware, too, of hay made from ripe millet, as it causes hock lameness in horses, unless made but a small part of the rations along with sound hay, straw and corn stover.

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Secret about Washing Hair

Every scalp has constantly forming on it a thin, invisible film of fatty accumulations which soap cannot remove, not even with hard rubbing. The one way to remove this film, and let your hair breathe is to dissolve it. This is done by the use of a teaspoonful of eggol dissolved in a half-cup of hot water, and used as a shampoo and headwash. This unseals the pores, and it will surprise you what a tremendous difference it produces in the appearance and growth of the hair. There is no more luxurious head-wash possible, and it is, besides, very economical. In a twenty-five cent package of eggol, which can be secured at any drug store, there is enough to supply you with over a dozen of these shampoos.

To Remove Superfluous Hair

There is a very remarkable way to remove superfluous hair. This is becoming exceedingly popular, because it is as easy and pleasant to use as a face lotion, and dissolves away the hair instead of burning it off as many other depilatories do. Simply moisten the hairs with a little sulfo solution. The hairs begin to shrivel. You can see them dissolve, and then with just a swish of the finger, all the hairs can be rubbed off clear and clean. It leaves the skin thoroughly free from all superfluous hairs, not leaving even a suggestion that you had any superfluous hairs at all. It is glorious. Every woman should have some sulfo solution on her dresser. It will cost one dollar at any drug store, and will last for a considerable time.

Blackheads Go in a Few Minutes

It is only a question of a few moments to get rid of blackheads. The only thing that will do this is neroxin. You sprinkle a little neroxin on a wet cloth or sponge and rub the blackheads with this for a few moments. Looking in your mirror, you will find the blackheads gone. This is a very remarkable article, and you need no longer use tonics, face-steaming, and pinching, and other useless methods for many months at a time. For fifty cents you can get the neroxin from your druggist.

A Lily Skin in a Few Days

There is but one thing you need to beautify your skin and bring it to a condition of incomparable loveliness in a short time. This has been used by thousands of women with extraordinary success. By the use of this you will soon find that all red spots, freckles, all muddiness and sallowness will have disappeared completely, leaving the skin pure and clear as a lily. You cannot get this result except by mixing yourself at home, in a very few moments, one ounce of zintone with a little glycerine and hot water. The zintone costs fifty cents at the drug store. This makes a remarkable cream, which, when used liberally, will not fail to give you the results.

Hair Stops Falling, and Grows

You can easily prevent hair from falling, and you can make it grow thick and luxuriant by a very simple method, which is far superior in results to that of any so-called hair tonic you can buy. You will notice the difference in your hair in a very few days, and it will take on a vigorous lustre besides, and thin spots will at once begin to fill with new hair. This is done by simply adding one ounce of beta-quinol to a half pint of water and a half pint of bay rum. If you prefer you may use a full pint of witchhazel instead of the water and bay rum. The beta-quinol may be procured for fifty cents at any drug store. Try this and you will no longer find handfuls of hair coming out on your comb and brush, and your hair will be the envy of all your friends.

A Sure Way to Remove Wrinkles

It is really inspiring to know that removing wrinkles now depends almost entirely upon yourself. Just a few minutes' trouble at the start, and more than half the battle is over. It will take but a few moments for you to make a mixture of two ounces of eptol, a little water and glycerine. The eptol can be obtained from your druggist for fifty cents. This cream produces startling changes

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Don't stay gray! Try it! No one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, glossy and attractive.

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Pretty Girl's Club

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for breakfast, for all I know, or pancakes and syrup. You can't upset the plans of a family, of course, but you can eat more of the things that are good for you than of those which are not. Drink milk whenever you can get it, and if you have to eat hot bread, then hot corn bread is probably best. Baked potatoes are especially good for you; fried potatoes are not good for you. Fried ham isn't fattening, but chicken or fish or steak or a chop are strengthening, and should be broiled or roasted, not fried. However, if your family cook meals a different way, don't worry about it. Just chew each mouthful of whatever you have until it is liquid before you swallow it; don't drink tea or coffee, but drink plenty of water between your meals; eat fresh fruit whenever you can get it. Now about the bashfulness, that comes from not being with other girls right along and therefore not having the same things to talk about. Don't you go to school? And can't you be chummy at school? I'd try to be. And when they come out to see you, try to think up some games to play before they come, and then propose one. If you get started, it will all be easier. You will get over being bashful as you grow older. The only cure for bashfulness is to think about other people instead of about one's self, and until one is older that is a little hard to do sometimes. About the other problem which makes you somewhat unhappy, try to do just exactly what you are asked to do as rapidly and pleasantly as possible, without objecting or fussing. This will make things easier, and when you are a little older, you will probably be the one who decides things. Keep your mind happy and good natured, and sweet as can be, because all that has an effect on your health. Think only good, sweet, clean thoughts and do good, sweet, clean things, and you will help your whole body. I shall consider you one of my own special girls, doing every day that which will make you a fine woman, and none of the things which keep you from being one. And I am sure I shall be proud of you. About the hair under the arms, see my answer to "Blue Eyes" in the last issue. It won't take the hair away permanently, but it will stay away for a while. It isn't worth while thinking too much about such things for a good long time to come. Do you get a chance to read good books? I should read all I could if I were you—books like "Little Women," by Louisa Alcott, or any other of Miss Alcott's books, or "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," or "Anne of Green Gables." You did not give the name of the town you live near; is there any library there, where you could get books once in a while? One makes such good friends in books!

MONTANA—Another one of my younger girls. Well, you have quite a bunch of questions. I'll try right in by saying you are all right as to weight, for your age. Your skin will whiten out and your eyes clear up as you get through the "growing-up" stage. Your lips and gums are pale because your circulation is not very good, I imagine. See that you eat lots of good food, and chew it thoroughly, and that you get plenty of fresh air and sleep. As your blood is made richer by food, your lips and gums will get redder. You just simply have to make blood for them. Don't worry about it but live just as sensibly as you can and make just as much good rich blood as you can by eating sensible foods and plenty of them. See what I said above to "Worried Girl." Your enlarged neck is probably from your circulation, too. Don't worry about it, but just wait. It will disappear, I am sure, a little later. I have known several girls who had the same experience. If your hair is oily, be sure to shampoo it regularly, once in two weeks. Never mind the sunburn on it, but brush it regularly, and take care of it. It will be all right later. About the nails, trim them to follow the shape of the ends of the fingers. Do not clean them with a steel instrument of any kind. Buy an orange-wood stick and use that, always soaking the nails for a few minutes beforehand in soapy warm water. Buy also a steel nail file and use that to file the ends of the nails to the right shape—it is better than using scissors. As to the little more flesh to the hands, and, in the meantime, keep the hands in good condition. I should think you might wear light or dark blue, yellow, rose, and probably brown very well indeed, as well as white. White is always pretty on young people. About your nose, I can't do anything, my dear, but I doubt its being ugly. There are all kinds of noses in the world, and not many of them are really ugly if they are

Manners and Looks



"Virtue itself offends when coupled with forbidding manners."—Bishop Middleton.

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BRUNETTE, Ark.—I may be old-fashioned and narrow-minded, but it doesn't seem right to me to go to dances Sunday evenings. If you don't go to church or prayer meeting on Sunday, you can, at least, refrain from dancing, though I don't object to it in moderation and under right conditions at other times.

UNDECIDED SWEETHEART, Garden, W. Va.—We do not think that any girl of seventeen does the best or happiest thing by "running off" to be married. In your case you seem not to have considered that in West Virginia the law demands that a girl be 21 years of age if she wishes to marry without her parents' consent. So that legal obstacle puts a decision to the question of "running off." On the other hand, if your parents have no objection to the young man, we do not think it is just that they should insist that you must wait until you are twenty before the ceremony takes place—particularly when your fiancé is now 25 years of age and has the likelihood of making as good a husband as you describe. Cannot both of you talking together persuade your parents to consent to a compromise? Tell them that your schooling is finished and that you have already been engaged for several months, and that to wait over two years seems unnecessary and cruel to you. Perhaps you can get them to agree to let the wedding take place on your nineteenth birthday—which would be the day we advise choosing. This would be a fair and pleasant solution of the difficulty—and would make no such work for the sheriff as would your plan of elopement.

R. B. S., Green Forest, Ark.—In entering a theater, it would be supposed that the gentleman had the tickets, which would require him to be ahead. After he has given the tickets or checks to an usher, it is best that the lady follow the usher down the aisle with the gentleman coming last.

B. A. M., Atwood, Kans.—Even if it is Leap Year, a girl does not give her fiancé an engagement ring, and it is the man who must present this expensive circlet.

ANXIOUS LUCY, Ray, N. D.—Most assuredly, no "school marm" should keep a nineteen-year-old youth up until four o'clock in the morning. But perhaps he kept himself up until this late hour and "teacher" was not to blame. But either way it is wrong—according to etiquette, health, morals and gospel-loving neighbors. (2) Yes, a girl may ask her "beau" to escort her home, even though she has other opportunities of return and protection.

J. D., Salem, Ind.—We do not think you can justly demand your fiancé remaining away from entertainments which circumstances prevent your attending. You can, however, ask and expect that she will not at these entertainments receive or return any marked attentions from other young men. This is a matter which should easily arrange itself between you both, according to your fiancé's good judgment and her pre-supposed fondness for you. (2) A girl must have reached the age of 18 in your State, if she wishes to marry without her parents' consent—which is a most foolish and unhappy thing to do.

BROWN EYES, England, Ark.—There is always a possibility of a letter being unrecieved—particularly when you are writing to a young man in the service. Why not write again and put a return address on the letter? You should not let any foolish fondness for this soldier cause you to "not learn anything" at school. Schools were made for a better purpose and school, and now you see your parents were right, too.

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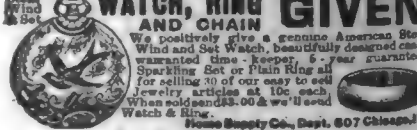
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Prisoners of the Storm

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JESSICA sat cowering over the sheet-iron stove in the tiny living-room of the sod-house while the fiercest of December blizzards howled and raged across the prairie. She opened the front draft to encourage the smouldering fire; then rose and cast a timid glance through the little window at the desolation without. The air was filled with whirling and hissing flakes; the sky overhead was black; drifts were already piling high, and objects more than twenty feet away were lost to view.

Around the gables of the cabin the icy wind howled like a hungry beast. It was hardly two hours since the north had swept across the valley; and already the forlorn little homestead was as a bark adrift on a vast and storm-tossed ocean. For minutes she gazed fascinated at the whirling drifts and vainly endeavored to make out any familiar landmark. Then with a shiver she seated herself again in the camp chair before the fire.

There came a thundering knock at the door. Jessica started up with a little cry of joy, and flung it open, admitting an arctic blast that swept before it myriads of stinging icy particles and threatened to lift the roof from its fastenings. But the storm wind was not the most terrifying intruder. Jessica's heart went cold in an instant, and she uttered a scream of fright. A tall man stood before her. Clad in a great fur coat and with shoulders deeply laden with snow, he looked as huge and as ruthless as the Great Bear of the Mountains of which, years ago, she had heard such terrifying tales. She started back toward the stove, and the man closed and hooked the door. He came forward as unsteadily as a drunken man, stood panting and gazing for a moment, then said breathlessly:

"You needn't be frightened. I don't aim to do you any harm. I was mighty lucky to locate your shack. If I hadn't, 'twould have been all up with me mighty soon."

"Were you lost in the storm?" Jessica managed to say.

"I surely was. I started to ride up to the ranch from Cartersville about noon. The norther struck me, and in ten minutes I lost my bearings entirely. My horse stumbled along just as long as he could; then he laid down in a drift and gave it up. Since then I have been plowing along anyhow. I never'd 'a made the ranch. I didn't see your shack till I almost bumped into it."

"Take off your coat and draw up to the fire," said Jessica, now partially recovered from her fright. "I—I was kind of expecting somebody else. That's why it scared me so when you came in."

"I see," said the stranger, slowly, and peering at her through the ice-frost on his eyelashes. "Well, I hope the one you was expecting had better sense than I did, and stayed under cover. If not, he's liable to be under a drift by this time. This is a bad old day,—the worst I've ever seen in these parts."

By this time he had divested himself of his hat and coat and was seated in a camp chair by the stove with his half-frozen hands extended toward its grateful warmth. Jessica gasped with a new surprise.

"Why! you're Mr. Steele of the ranch, aren't you?"

"Yes, I'm Jeffrey Steele. I thought you knew me."

His handsome black eyes met hers, and told more plainly than words his admiration of her bright young face and rounded, maidenly figure. A new emotion swept over her that was compounded of surprise and fear and a strange, lawless joy.

"I've only seen you once, near to. And then you were on horseback."

A sudden gleam came into the ranchman's eyes.

"Yes, I come here to drive you and your sister out of the valley. And I would have to if it had been a man I had to deal with. My grazing permit covers everything between Bald Mountain and the West Fork; and so far we hadn't put up with any nesters. But now, just because I didn't drive you out, and you folks put up your cabin right here, I'm here by a good fire instead of frozen to death at the bottom of a drift."

Jessica made no reply, though her heart was pounding. For five minutes they listened to the roaring wind. The dim light of the storm-filled afternoon was rapidly fading; it was almost dark in the cabin.

"Where's your sister?" asked Steele suddenly.

"I guess—maybe—she's asleep," replied Jessica, faintly, with a glance toward the bedroom door.

The young rancher glanced at her keenly, but was silent for several minutes.

"Shall I put on more wood?" he said at length.

"Have you got plenty?"

"Yes, we got plenty wood. I guess 'twon't be so we can't get into the shed after it. We got in two loads only last week."

The visitor crowded a huge chunk through the stove door and resumed his seat.

"Your sister is a mighty smart traveler," he said after gazing for a while through the little window at the inky sky.

"How do you mean?" questioned Jessica, nervously.

"When I was coming out of Cartersville, about noon," resumed the other, twisting his chair about and squarely facing his trembling auditor, "she was at Nichols' stable, trying to get a double rig to bring her up here with groceries and so on that she'd bought. Nichols was telling her that there was a blizzard coming sure, that she'd get caught in it if she made the attempt, and that she surely couldn't have any of his horses. I thought she was going to stop over at Mrs. Barton's. That's what Nichols was advising."

Jessica gazed at him wide-eyed. Twice or thrice she essayed in vain to speak. The little clock on the shelf behind her ticked loudly. The bright eyes of her visitor gazed into hers with an ominous steadiness. At last the words poured from her in a torrent:

"Mr. Steele, my sister isn't here. She started off this morning after supplies. There's nobody else in the house."

"Sho! I know," responded the ranchman, coolly. "You don't need to worry about her. They wouldn't ever let her start from Cartersville. Nichols has more sense than I have, I guess. They'll just keep her down there till the storm's over, tomorrow or next day, maybe. Then they'll fix up some kind of rig to get out here."

He rose and peered out again at the wild scene which was visible through the darkening window.

"It looks uncommon as if I wouldn't get out of here tonight."

Jessica joined him at the window. After a moment she half whispered:

"No, you mustn't try it. You'd be lost and frozen sure."

"That's right. That's just what would happen. But I guess there's no need. We're snug enough here, I'll say."

Jessica could not trust herself to reply. She was shivering violently as though the blizzard had penetrated the sod house and smothered the blaze in the little stove. After a moment she turned to light the oil lamp, and spotted three matches before she succeeded. Steele resumed his chair. The night was fast closing in, and

the storm showed no signs of abating. Through the long silences the wind howled eerily.

By the light of the lamp Jessica could see her visitor more clearly than at any time since his arrival, for the little room had been in semi-darkness all the afternoon. Now she fully realized something that had been vaguely in her mind ever since the brief and angry interview when Steele had ordered them out of the valley. He was the handsomest man she had ever seen. His coal-black hair was brushed straight back from a shapely forehead, and his profile was like what she remembered having seen in a statue somewhere. There was an almost military set to his broad shoulders. He was much younger than she had thought,—certainly not more than twenty-six or twenty-eight,—and his quick and nervous movements were those of an athlete.

She tried desperately to avoid the appearance of watching him and yet to read the thoughts that lurked behind those glowing, black eyes. Terrified and fascinated by turns, she recalled the tales of the young ranchman's lawless exploits,—driving homesteaders from the valley, bidding defiance to revenue men and deputy sheriffs and administering a swift and terrible justice on crooked gamblers and horse thieves.

As if half conscious of these furtive glances, Steele rose from his chair and began pacing nervously back and forth in the narrow confines of the room, his tall figure seeming to fill the place as that of a lion fills his cage.

Finally Jessica spoke, her voice sounding thin and far away:

"Perhaps you'd like to smoke. If you would, go ahead. I don't mind it."

Jeffrey stopped and stood in front of her.

"Well, then," he said, slowly drawing a pipe from an inner pocket. "I say now! You know my name; but I haven't ever heard yours."

He was bending forward eagerly, a strange smile on his dark countenance.

"Jessica," she replied, nervously. "Jessica Ballantyne."

"Jessica," he repeated, softly. "That's a pretty name,—just a good name for a girl as pretty as you, I'd say. I saw a play once where a girl named Jessica had a mighty pretty part. She had big, blue eyes, a good deal like yours."

His companion was breathing quickly, but made no reply. After a moment he went on ingratiatingly:

"And so you're out here trying to make a farm in the short-grass country. You don't find it specially easy, do you?"

"Not very," answered Jessica, looking ruefully at her scarred and calloused hands.

"That's so. Must be," mused the other, now seated in the camp chair and drawing meditatively at his pipe. "Well, maybe 'twon't be so bad, come spring. I gen'ly have two-three mules 'round that are not doin' much, and maybe a driver or so."

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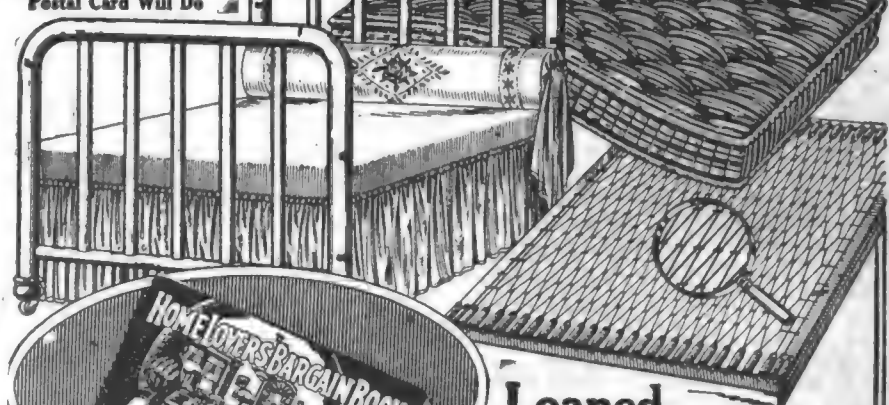
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J. S., Pennsylvania.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that a tenant cannot, upon the expiration of his lease, remove such improvements as he has placed upon the property in a manner so that such improvements have become affixed to the freehold; he can, however, remove such improvements as he may have placed upon the property in a manner so that they are simply attached to the freehold. (2) We think your liability to your employer for rent, would depend upon your contract of employment. (3) We think the man who purchased the goods you mention can be compelled to pay for same through the proper court action brought for the purpose of enforcing payment of same, provided he had any property, not exempt by law, from levy under execution.

X. Y. Z., Georgia.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that children may be disinherited by will.

ANXIOUS, Michigan.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will, and leaving no child or descendant, subject to the payment of debts and expenses, the widow would receive all of the personal estate up to \$3,000, and one half of the balance, and one half of the real estate, the balance of the estate going to his parents, brothers or sisters or their descendants, depending upon who is left; if none of such, the whole estate would go to the surviving widow.

Mrs. E. L. W., North Dakota.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon your death, without a will, and without a child or descendant, after the payment of debts and expenses, your husband will receive your whole estate if the same does not exceed \$5,000 in value, and if in excess of that amount, one half of the balance, the remaining one half of the balance of the estate going to your parents, brothers and sisters or their descendants, depending upon who is left; if none of such, the whole estate will go to your surviving husband.

M. F., Nebraska.—We are of the opinion that the claim of your father-in-law's estate against your father-in-law's brother, arising from the payment by your father-in-law of the note he endorsed for his brother, will be barred by the statute of limitations if sufficient time elapses, and provided such defense is pleaded in any action brought to enforce the claim.

G. F. B., North Carolina.—If the company, from which you ordered the goods, does not send you your goods, we think you should bring suit against them for the recovery of your money.

M. B., Indiana.—We do not think you can compel your husband to return to you the money you voluntarily advanced for the purchase of the property you now hold in both of your names.

Mrs. N. A. B., Colorado.—There is no U. S. law providing pensions for the widows of Confederate soldiers.

Mrs. A. B. G., Pennsylvania.—If your life insurance policy is a straight life policy in form, it will, upon your death, be paid to the beneficiary named in the policy.

Mrs. M. R. F., Oklahoma.—We do not think marriages between first cousins are prohibited in Alabama, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia.

Mrs. H. P., South Dakota.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of your husband, without a will, and leaving you and two children surviving, his estate, after payment of debts and expenses, would go one third to you and one third to each of the children; his interest in the partnership you mention would be an asset of his estate.

Mrs. H. T. A., New Mexico.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will, and leaving no child or descendant, his whole estate, after payment of debts and expenses, would go to his surviving widow, this to include his separate as well as the community property.

Mrs. E. S., Alabama.—We think the laws of all the states of the United States require marriage licenses.

C. W. A., Pennsylvania.—We think you should communicate with the Federal Farm Loan Board at Washington, D. C., for information as to farm loans by the Government.

Mrs. E. McM., Texas.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that the husband cannot, by will, bar his widow from her right to receive one half of the community property, upon his death.

C. F., Kentucky.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will, his widow would receive dower of a one-third interest for life in his real estate, and one half of his personal estate, absolutely, after the payment of debts and expenses, the balance of his estate going in equal shares to his children, the descendants of any deceased child taking their parent's share.

Mrs. R. M., Pennsylvania.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married woman, leaving no will, her husband would receive a life estate in her real estate and a child's part, absolutely, in her personal estate, the remainder going in equal shares to her children, the descendants of any deceased child taking their parent's share; the decedent's estate would include any interest, vested in her at the time of her death, of another estate; the share of any minor child should be paid to such minor's general guardian, and such guardian should account and turn over such share to the minor upon the minor's becoming of age; the husband's life estate in the real estate would not, however, terminate until the death of the husband.

M. J., Tennessee.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will and leaving no child or descendant, his widow would receive homestead rights, and dower, of a one-third interest for life, in his real estate, and the residue of his personal estate, absolutely, after payment of debts and expenses, the remainder of the real estate going to his brothers, sisters or their descendants, or his parents, depending upon who is left.

M. T. W., Texas.—Under the laws of Nebraska, we are of the opinion that if the property you mention stood in the name of the husband, it would have been necessary for the wife to have survived him in order to have acquired any vested interest in his property, and upon her death, during his lifetime, he could legally dispose of the property; if, however, the property belonged to the wife and stood in her name, upon her death, without a will, he could only dispose of his interest in the property of her estate. (2) We think

you should communicate with the asylum authorities as to the release of your aunt.

D. L. S., Missouri.—If you are of full age, and if you cannot make satisfactory terms of employment with your father, we think it might be wise for you to try working for someone else; we do not think you are in duty bound to contribute your entire services to your father if he has sufficient property to support himself.

Mrs. P. B., Missouri.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will, and leaving a surviving widow and children, his widow would receive dower of a one-third interest for life in his real estate, and a child's part, absolutely, in his personal property; we think the conveyance of the real estate to the decedent and his heirs vested absolute title in the decedent, and that he could have sold or disposed of the property in any way, during his lifetime, without the consent of his children, if he died, without a will, they now each have their child's part in his estate which includes this real estate.

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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neglect of his studies he has become a bright, energetic boy as well up with his studies as he is with his team. And as well liked by his teachers as he is by his coach.

I have three daughters also, the oldest graduated from Lanier High last year, the next girl will graduate this year and the boy, age sixteen, and the youngest girl, age 12, have just started going to Lanier, the boy having done this by studying under a teacher who loved athletics as well as he did and after going to her seven weeks last summer he skipped the seventh grade and entered high school. And his "athletic" teacher (who teaches sixth grade) told him if he would make the basketball team by the middle of the year she would give him a nice present.

Dear Worried Mother, if you haven't done so, try to be a pal with your boy as the teacher and I have been trying to be with my boy. It will work wonders.

I have taken Comfort for fifteen years, but unlike some of the sisters I do not have time to read it from cover to cover, as my life is very full with the care of a large family.

If "Worried Mother" will write me I will gladly give her all the information on the subject that the experience which my own son made possible.

A CONTENTED MOTHER.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:

I do enjoy reading the letters from the sisters and brothers, though Bachelor Bill was rather severe I thought, but we'll forgive him. Mrs. Vesey's letters are good.

I think Auntie Wood's motto grand.

Well, Mrs. Wilkinson, I am writing mostly to help Mr. S. C. Sheppard out on his poem which Uncle Sam would not permit him to complete. I think he must have a very lonesome time so far away from everyone but I wouldn't mind taking a trip out there if I had someone to keep those fearful wild animals away from me. I hope he will come again and tell us some of his adventures.

I will close by describing myself and leaving my address with Mrs. Wilkinson. I have brown hair, blue eyes and am five feet, three inches tall and am between seventeen and twenty-two years of age.

Success to all.

Where the woodbine twines, And the whang doodle sings, And the frog flips its wings in glee, And the coyote whines, Where the cow bell chimes From the cattle on the le

When I pause to rest, I've done my best, Uncle Sam can bank on me. Now, I need a shave and a hair cut too, But I see no ladies, No good 'twill do. For we have no rest, nor Sundays here, But are on the trail the whole of the year.

Now Uncle Sam I will do my best, So pray don't stop me when I start to rest. I am writing this poem in pure display Of my life in the west so far away. Now Uncle Sam you can trust to me, To guard your stock on the lonely le

Virginia Rose.—Do you suppose "S. C." lets the cattle on the lea take turns wearing that lone cow bell? After we get Uncle Charlie's home bought, let's "chip" and buy a nice shiny cow bell and send it to Mr. Sheppard. I'm sure he would appreciate our kindness and just think how happy we'd make some gentle cow.—Ed.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

Now I don't want my letter thrown aside for I want help, not for myself but for my aunt, who lives in the hills, away from everybody, and is a lover of company. A few months ago she lost a little girl, nine years of age, the very light of her home; a few weeks ago she lost a tiny baby. Her little girl was such a bright, pretty little thing and was so much comfort; now she and the bright-eyed baby are gone.

What I want you to do is to write her letters of encouragement and sympathy, and sisters who have loved ones, don't fail to write, please, for you alone can understand and fully. Send her good religious papers and good clean stories and I will be much your debtor. Her address is: Mrs. Lora Weems, Iuka, Ill.

If you could but see that broken-hearted mother weeping for her lost ones I know you would gladly grant my request. This is not a selfish letter; it has all been for someone else so please print it and I know it will bear good results. I have taken too much room for the rest of my letter to praise COMFORT very much but will say I count it one of my greatest blessings. I enjoy all the letters and would be glad to receive letters from girls of my own age. I am fourteen years old, have light hair, grey-blue eyes, fair complexion.

With lots of love, I am,

Lois McCOMBS.

STATESVILLE, 756 Mulberry St., N. C.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:

I wonder if you will make room for me to roll myself into your happy circle in my wheel chair and join you in your talks for a few minutes.

I am just a mere man, and an invalid at that, so I think you ladies will not accuse me of having any designs on you, even if I do like to be with you. I can hear some ask, "A mere man and an invalid, why should he want to intrude into our sacred corner where we have only permitted an old bachelor or two to come?" Another asks, "How do you know but what he is an old bachelor, too?" Another says, "I wonder how old he is, how long he has been an invalid and what he looks like?" Well Dear Sisters, just to quiet your whispering and satisfy your curiosity, I will give you a brief description of myself. To begin with, I am twenty-three years old, and at the time of the accident that caused my invalidism (which was six years ago last July) I weighed one hundred and thirty-five pounds, and was five feet, seven and one half inches high. I have dark hair (most people would call it black), dark brown eyes and fair complexion. I haven't walked any since the accident or been able to stand on my feet, in fact I can't so much as move a toe on either of my feet, and my hands are partly out of commission, only able to move a part of my fingers.

I can hear some say, "Poor fellow!" Yes, poor in this world's goods, I'll admit, but if you all could see me in my home you wouldn't think of me as poor in any other way. I always try to look on the bright side of life and when there is no bright side I generally make one, or try to, and I think that I succeed fairly well, at least my friends and neighbors very often compliment me on my sunny and cheerful disposition.

Do I hear some one say, "I wonder what he does to pass away the time?" Well, I'm never idle long at a time. I mainly do stenographic work for the general public, and as a side line I paint some pictures in water colors, also paint sofa pillow tops, piano scarfs, etc. The painting of sofa pillow tops and piano scarfs is a new art that I have recently taken up, and I find it a most fascinating pastime, and I must say that a sofa pillow top properly painted on canvas or velvet is just as beautiful. I am arranging to have an exhibition of my paintings of pictures and pillow tops in the show windows at the store of a friend of mine some time soon.

Say there, Bachelor Bill, I think your idea on the family money is a pretty good one, tho' I am not

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Utilizing Marsh Soils

Millions of acres of waterlogged and boggy soil might and should be got to growing food crops as soon as possible. Good progress is being made in some states in this laudable direction and this is notable in Wisconsin, where experts have been steadily at work for some years interesting farmers in the work and seeing that it is intelligently done. Now large tracts of land, that recently were devoted to the production of frogs, muskrats and bullrushes, are producing excellent crops of corn, cabbage, onions, celery, clover and other forage plants, and on some of them we have seen fine crops of small grain. Readers of COMFORT who have wet tracts on their farms should have an expert determine if draining would pay and what the cost would be. Then they would be safe to borrow money on a mortgage to have the work done.

Here are some points by a Wisconsin soil expert which will help the reader to decide this matter. He says:

Five factors determine largely whether or not to drain and farm marsh land. These are: 1. The cost of thorough drainage. 2. The cost of clearing and breaking. 3. The chemical composition of the soil. 4. The danger of frost during the growing season; and 5. Whether the farm is all marsh or partly upland.

Thorough drainage usually costs from twenty to thirty-five dollars an acre. Clearing and breaking cost between five and twenty-five dollars an acre, depending largely on whether the marsh is open or timbered.

Marsh lands vary greatly in their chemical composition. Some need only to be drained to grow crops well, while others require special treatment. Marsh soils are subject to frost, which lessens their adaptability to corn and potatoes in central Wisconsin and prohibits success with these crops in northern counties.

When a farm is all or nearly all marsh it is imperative to drain thoroughly a portion of it, if not the entire area. On many farms having comparatively small marsh areas drainage is often overlooked because there is sufficient upland to meet the cropping needs and the marsh is left as pasture. Whenever the returns of such pasture lands are carefully considered, it becomes plain that they would prove much more profitable if made to grow "tame" crops of high feeding value rather than wild grasses of low feeding value.

It will pay as a rule to drain mucks and shallow peats having clay subsoils. Well decomposed peats underlain by clay are much better than raw peats. Raw peats underlain by sand are of less agricultural value. Bulletin No. 309 of the Wisconsin Experiment Station gives full advice on the subject.

Building Up a Worn-Out Farm

For several years now we have watched the process of restoring a worn farm to fertility and profitable crop production. The success of the enterprising owner should serve to encourage those who have like work to do and who are loath to start or impressed with the expensive idea that it can't be done. It can! We have seen a big area of robbed, tired, depleted land made to "blossom like the rose." What this man has done others can do as well, provided they can get money enough to give it a good start. Bankers will accommodate a worthy farmer if they know that the cash advanced is to be expended for permanent improvements, livestock, fertilizers or feed. The modern banker, indeed, is working in harmony with the progressive farmer and helping him mightily in the work of improving his land that all concerned may reap the benefit. He understands now that bank funds come from the people and are the people's property of which he merely is the custodian and distributor. No great mercantile or manufacturing concern could exist were it not for accommodations by the bank when short-time funds are needed. The farmer has not understood this in the past, but is being taught it now and in many places is thus enabled to succeed where before he was constantly behind and consequently discouraged.

Stock feeding is absolutely necessary to the restoration of worn land to productiveness. Artificial fertilizers too often act merely as stimulants to a crop and make the land give up more and more of its resources until it "plays out" altogether and cannot produce a crop unless again and again heavily dosed with chemicals. Farmyard manure, from animals, is a permanent investment when placed on worn land. As an adjunct, artificial fertilizers, especially phosphates, potash and lime, are useful, while nitrogen is better derived from the constant growing of legumes and turning under of such plants in the green states. Our friend, mentioned in the first paragraph in this article, bought a big marl bed and put three tons of marl on each acre

every three years and added a hundred pounds of ground phosphate rock to each load of manure sent out in the spreader. This fertilizer, together with the feeding of many dairy cows, clover and alfalfa growing, deep plowing and clean cultivation, have quickly made his big farm profitable. Others can do as well.

Clubwork for Farm Boys

We wonder if boys and girls who read COMFORT know what is going on in the big world around them as regards community clubs and "team" work!

So great is the present interest in this new departure of farm life that all over the country, clubs for the growing of grain and raising and feeding of foals, calves, pigs and lambs are being organized, and many of them that have been established for some time have proved wonderfully successful.

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," it has been said, and it is a wise and true saying. Farm work of the daily drudgery type tends to drive boys into the cities for more attractive clerical positions. Unending chores and toil in the fields scarcely can fail to become monotonous to young people when, as very often happens, they have no financial interest in the profits of their work, or receive little if any remuneration for their services. But the clubs to which we have alluded at once concentrate attention and interest in the production of better crops and animals, for the reason that, rewards for work done are assured to the successful competitors in the form of cash prizes, trips to shows, free tuition, cups, medals, pedigreed seed or new animals with which to carry on the work. In addition there is the pleasing notoriety gained by the children who engage in the work. They find themselves noticed by their elders, and such attention stimulates them to well-directed effort, while success in the winning of prizes induces them to continue the good work. Then, as they grow older, they practice what they have learned in childhood, not to win prizes and approbation, but because they have proved that the better methods of farm practice and stock raising not only are profitable but become more and more fascinating and interesting as the years go by.

Many farm boys who never had a cent to spare before they joined a corn raising or calf, pig or lamb club, now have an income of their own. The amount of thrift stamps and Liberty Bonds owned in the aggregate by boys who are doing agricultural club work is surprising. In one state, fifteen thousand club boys own bank accounts, club property and war securities, totaling \$247,180, or \$16 each. The fathers of many of these boys never had a bank account; now the "nest eggs" of club children, here and there over the land are inducing all farm folk to deposit their spare money in banks or invest in first-class securities.

Everything we have said applies with equal force to club work among girls. There are many instances, too, where clubs organized among the parents have had a similar influence.

We are, therefore, strongly in favor of these clubs for the old and young folks of the farm, and would advise our readers to write for literature on the subject to the agricultural experiment stations of their respective state and also to the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Syrup from Barley

While barley can no longer be made into beer, it can be put to better use. The U. S. Department of Agriculture has just announced a new kind of syrup made from malt. It is said to have a very fine flavor and to be very sweet and palatable. Two things have brought about the attempt to make sugar from barley, the shortage of sugar and the prohibition law.

Malt syrup may be made from other grains besides barley; in fact, any plant containing starch, such as corn and potatoes. Malt syrup can be easily made in the breweries by making a few changes in equipment. It looks like maple syrup, and can be used for everything that sugar can be used for as a substitute for sugar. It is predicted that this syrup, which when developed on a commercial scale will be cheaper, will replace sugar for ordinary sweetening purposes. It is not expected that it will "drive sugar off the table" but it is thought that it will replace sugar for many sweetening purposes, particularly in the manufacture of soft drinks and sweet food products.

How Much Does a Cow Eat?

Who can tell offhand how much a good dairy cow eats in a year? Well, here it is. She eats a little more than her own weight in food every month of the year, or more than six tons of food besides one and a half acres of pasture. If the pasture is figured in at weight of green grass, it will run the total up to a ton a month!

A cow giving 7,000 of milk should eat not less than 2,000 pounds of grain, 3,000 pounds of hay, and 7,000 pounds of silage during the six winter months. In addition, she will drink about a ton and a half of water a month. All told, then, a cow will eat and drink about thirty tons of food and water in a year.

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Questions and Answers

TO RID HORSE OF WORMS.—I read in COMFORT about feeding molasses to stock. How much of the molasses mixture should be given the horse at a feed? One of my horses is thin in flesh and scaly between his hips and tail. I have tried several kinds of stock feed without helping his condition. He has a good appetite and eats well but gets thinner all the time. I think my horse has worms. Will the molasses rid them of worms, or must I use something else for this purpose? Can I feed the molasses mixed with corn, wheat bran and sorghum hay instead of with corn meal, wheat bran and cut hay? Is the molasses mixture hurtful to a pregnant mare?

C. T. Seguin, Texas.

A.—To destroy worms, mix in the feed night and morning for a week a tablespoonful of a mixture of two parts of table salt and one part each of flowers of sulphur and dried sulphate of iron; then stop for ten days and then repeat the treatment. Omit iron for a pregnant mare and increase sulphur and salt. Molasses will not remove or kill worms. The dose is one quart, night and morning, diluted with three quarts of hot water and mixed with ground feed of any suitable kind and cut hay. Continue it until the horse is in good condition. It will not hurt a pregnant mare. Do not feed sorghum hay.

DEYING OFF COWS.—Is it best to turn a cow dry for a short time before she is fresh? Does it injure her to be in milk until she comes in fresh?

Mrs. H. H. Nebraska, Ind.

A.—A milch cow always should be "dried off" for at least six weeks before calving so that she may rest and store up material from which to form a full flow of milk when she calves. During the rest period she should take outdoor exercise every day and should be fed a light, laxative ration to keep her bowels active. Grain and silage should be reduced at least one half and bran and oilmeal fed rather than grain.

SOWING BARLEY.—Is there any difference between spring and fall barley? When is the best time to sow spring barley?

O. V. H. Skiatook, Okla.

A.—Rye and winter wheat may be sown at that time, but barley and oats rarely are sown at that time. In the spring as soon as danger of frost is past, selecting for the crop mellow, well prepared soil that has been top dressed and so is rich. Barley is a surface feeder and does best following a green crop that has been well manured. If extra manure is applied, harrow it into the top soil just before seeding or apply artificial fertilizer at seeding time.

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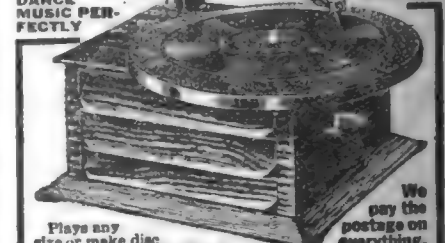
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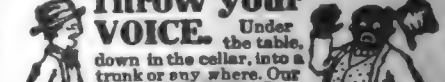
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No attention will be given any inquiry which lacks the sender's full name and address, but we will print only initials if so requested.

A. B. Richton, Miss.—Not many people are familiar with the facts concerning the "old twelve days" about which you inquire—and the resultant calendar mix-up which the "twelve days" are responsible for in history and chronology. In long ago B. C. 46, Julius Caesar introduced what came to be called the Julian Calendar which established a year of 365 1/4 days with every fourth year to contain an added day—this constituting our Leap Year. Caesar's well-thought-out calendar was a clever one, but as the Julian year was, in reality, 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 46 seconds, there was a constant error in reckoning of about 11 minutes each year. This, when the year 1582 rolled around, had mounted up to a time accumulation of ten days. Perhaps it was farmers, or poets, or even lovers—who call Spring their season—who made the most fuss in 1582, when it was discovered that the vernal equinox was occurring on March 11, and not March 21 as it properly should. Pope Gregory, in response to the protests, took the matter up with an astronomer named Clavius, and they arranged to straighten things out. Ten days were to be deducted from October by calling the fifth the fifteenth and going ahead as usual. Then Clavius also got up a scheme so this 11 minutes would not again accumulate into a disastrously large error. He had the Pope ordain that every hundredth year, such as 1800, 1900, etc., should not be reckoned as a Leap Year—excepting every four hundredth year beginning with the year 2000. In this way Clavius had it figured out that the difference between the natural and the calendar year would not amount to a day in 5000 years. Spain, Portugal and part of Italy accepted the plan and deducted the ten days. France subtracted her surplus ten from the tenth to the twentieth of December in the same year. Holland used December 15 to the 25th for this purpose, but the Protestant world hung back in following the orders of Rome. By 1751 the time error in Protestant countries had grown to 11 days, and during the reign of George II, England passed a bill in Parliament to equalize Britain's calendar with that of other countries by making September 2 of that year into September 14. Sweden promptly followed suit, but Russia still adhered to the old style until 1918, when Messrs. Lenin and Trotsky had the Bolshevik part of that suffering country adopt the Gregorian Calendar. Japan modernized her months in 1873, and the Chinese Republic in 1912, but Greece and the Balkan states yet use the old Julian system, which differs now by thirteen days from all almanacs in Richton, Miss.

A SUBSCRIBER, Claremore, Okla.—The most popular "sundae" sold at soda fountains are chocolate, maple nut, fudge, marshmallow, and various fruit-flavored delights such as pineapple, strawberry, etc. Any high school girl could have told you this, we are certain. All of the flavors we mention are also sold in the form of plain and ice cream sodas. Root beer, grape juice, orangeade and phosphated drinks are also offered—besides many new and newly named drinks which have been concocted at fountains since the dry law went into effect.

O. T. H., Blainville, Tenn.—The Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., will supply you, upon application, with a list of such bulletins of the Department as are available for free distribution. These are too many for us to list here.

Mrs. J. O. H., Mendon, O.—Write to COMFORT's fur buyers whose names are in our advertising columns. They will give you the information you wish. Enclose a stamp for reply.

Mrs. J. S. E., North Warren, Pa.—We believe the ill health of your gold fish is due to the water you are using and to the fish perhaps becoming chilled either through the temperature of the room being too low or the water being too cold when placed in the bowl. You should use rain water or that obtained from a brook or spring. This water should be changed in part every few days, and, in winter should have any icy chill removed from it. The bowl should be occasionally placed in the sunlight, but not kept continuously in the sun. Do not, of course, leave the bowl in an unheated room during the night. The ordinary living-room temperature would be the most suitable. You are doing correctly in keeping some kind of a water plant in the aquarium and in feeding prepared food. Take care not to feed too much or too often.

W. H. Kent, 2119 Cadiz St., New Orleans, La.—Canaries are not difficult to keep in good health if scrupulous cleanliness is observed in the care of cage, and the water and feed dishes. The birds should be given a bath once a week and allowed occasional freedom in a closed room. Cold draughts must be avoided and the cage kept away from winter windows. Principal food should be canary grass seed, hemp seed and rape. Green leaves are a necessity, and these are best supplied in the form of chickweed. Sugar is good and may be given in small quantities, but avoid such as apples and other fruits—should be avoided in diet. Some lime is necessary and may be best furnished in the form of cuttlefish bone. In a state of nature, canaries are prolific and will breed several times a year. From four to six eggs are hatched at a time. Details of canary raising can be best studied in detail from such a book as Holden's "Canaries and Cage Birds," which can be ordered by any good book store would be glad to have it in stock. This subscriber would be pleased to hear from any COMFORT readers who have raised canaries.

W. M. Miles, N. C.—A photographer in any city would enlarge a photograph and frame it for you. Address the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce in Raleigh for addresses of photographers in that North Carolina city.

W. L. S., Lewiston, Idaho.—The Cimex Lectularia is a persistent and ambitious breed of insect which is thought to have originated in India. After arrival in this country, the pest acquired a local habitation and a name and is now known simply as "bed bug." When the bugs are well established in walls and flooring, the room should be closed as tightly as possible and fumigated with sulphur candles which may be obtained of any druggist. All old wall paper and carpets should be removed. Ceilings and floor may be painted—using a large quantity of turpentine in mixing the paint. If this cannot be done, the walls and woodwork can be gone over with kerosene. What is known as pyrethrum powder is considered as a specific for direct application to bed and bedding. Persistence is necessary and more than one application will be needed. Old bedsteads should be painted. Write to U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., for free bulletin on "Bed Bugs."

Mrs. W. S. McC., Rebecca, Ga.—See above answer to W. L. S.

J. W. W., Wolf Summit, W. Va.—Leigh is an English proper name and is pronounced "lay." (2) The present governor of Illinois is Frank O. Lowden. (3) Lightning was shown, by that early and enthusiastic scientist, Benjamin Franklin, to be simply a heavy electrical discharge. When between lower clouds and the earth, the flash is accompanied by thunder, but when the discharge takes place in the upper cloud region, the lightning is more diffused and the thunder is rarely heard. The thunder is generally supposed to be caused by the electrical discharge heating air and vapor to a high temperature, and the expansion and the after-contraction of the heated strata causes the noise which is heard as thunder. (4) We do not think, at the time your letter was dated, that you have allowed enough time for the furniture company to supply your needs. Your order has doubtless been filled

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C. H., Darwin, Va.—An author may copyright anything he has written by addressing the Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., and asking for an application for copyright. The fee is a small one and full directions will be sent with the application from Washington. (2) If you should own a farm which you chose to sell, the general public would not know what price you obtained for your property. In the same way, Mr. John Fox, Jr., and his publishers are the only persons who really know what profit Mr. Fox has made by the sale of his very popular book, "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine." The same ruling would apply to the other lesser known writers whose works you mention. Even a most successful novel nets its author a much smaller sum than is popularly supposed. If the story can be staged, or the "movie" rights sold, the author's pocketbook can be greatly helped.

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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competent to pass judgment, feeling that I am an old bach, too, or will be if I live long enough. As to hiring your better halves, I hardly think that would be necessary if hubby and wife understood each other as they should. Both should put their heads together and plan for the good of the family. I think that a man should talk over his business affairs with his wife and ask her advice on all business propositions, and if she is a woman that is worthy of being called a wife, she will appreciate it and do all that she can to help him. The thing that counts for the peace of mind and contentment in a home is perfect union between husband and wife and the best way to secure this, in my opinion, is by having faith in the wife and telling her of the worries and troubles and let her know the principles of business. Talk over the needs of the family and come to an agreement as to what is best. In this way you will come to an understanding, and by so doing will eliminate the friction that is apparent in most of the families with which we come in contact.

George L. Garrison, I heartily agree with you in regards to what you say about woman's suffrage. You have expressed my view so thoroughly that it would be futile for me to try to improve on it.

Sisters, I have a sneaking idea that there are lots more of us Johns that read the Sisters' Corner than you may think, and enjoy it fine. I, for one, can say that I have been reading it for the past five or six years and have derived much pleasure therefrom. I have been thought of writing to this Corner but as it seemed to be only for the sisters, I have refrained from doing so until now.

If any one who reads this cares to write to me I would be only too glad to hear from them. But I must add if you want an answer you will have to enclose a stamp.

If you invite me, I may come again.

CLARENCE BEAM.

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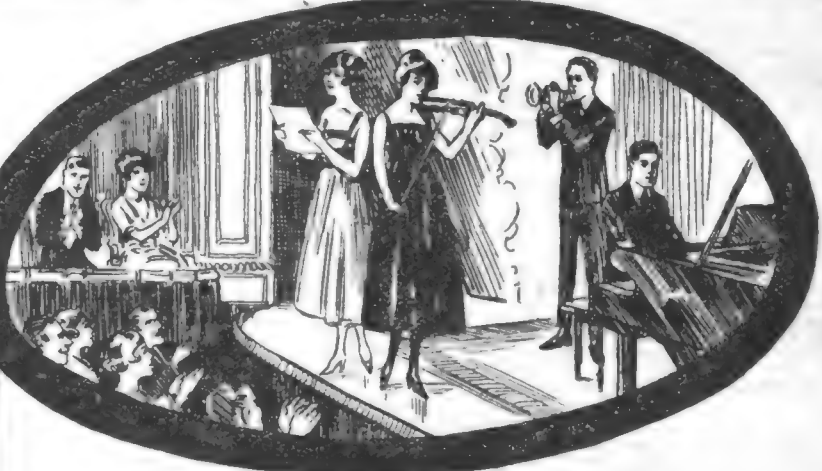
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ISN'T this a queer old world—and a good old world? Most of the women I know are busy cleaning house and have their clothes-line full of rugs and draperies from which Friend Husband is busily engaged beating the dust and smoke that has accumulated during the winter months. It must be a grand and glorious feeling to have F. H. say in a masterful tone, "Here, dear, let me do that; you aren't strong enough for such heavy work," and then when he finishes, view a line full of dustless rugs. But I don't believe it can compare with the thrill I receive when some dear girl writes me a letter of thanks for helping her untangle some knotty problem of her life. After all, single blessedness is not without its compensations.

TWO RED HEADS, Ind. (R. H. No. 1).—The fact that she won't allow you to kiss her proves that she is a nice girl. Don't say she is. The only way to find out whether she loves you well enough to marry you, is to ask her. Faint heart never won fair lady. But don't feel too badly if she refuses you for a boy of nineteen is altogether too young to be engaged. (R. H. No. 2). Just because you "intend to ask her to marry me soon," doesn't give you the right to expect all of her time and affection. Maybe she isn't a mind reader. Ask her first and if you haven't courage enough to do that I hope she throws you over for a fellow with more gumption than you possess.

WORRIED LITTLE GIRL, S. Dak.—Don't worry, my dear, because you are a trifle large for your age. A person grows only so much and if you tend "right smart" (as our southern cousins say), to growing now you'll have it over with and can devote your energies to something else, conscious that the matter of your growth has been taken care of. Eat plenty of nourishing food, drink lots of water and take regular exercise. Don't stoop, as so many people do, thinking they make themselves look shorter. High heels are injurious to the health and, besides, they make a person look taller so don't wear them. Wear your skirts to your shoe tops or an inch or two above and braid your hair in regular little-girl style. You are a little girl, so dress and act like one. You've got more years in which to be "grown up" than you have to be a little girl. I know.

SUNSHINE, So. Carolina.—Just keep right on being a sweet, modest little girl and study hard. You are too young to have a regular beau, but if your parents don't object, I can see no harm in remaining ordinary friends with the soldier boy you mention. If you want to be more than friends when you are older, that will be your business. Don't go too often to his sister's home. People will talk anyway, so give them as little opportunity as possible.

WORRIED, Vermont.—I dislike very much to advise a girl to go contrary to her mother's wishes and particularly a foster-mother to whom the girl is indebted for a home and a mother's care. An unselfish mother would want her daughter to marry and have children of her own, and she is wrong when she preaches against marriage. If she is old and dependent upon you for care and support, it is your duty to give her all that she gave you, but if she isn't alone in the world, or without sufficient money you have a right to happiness and at your age should be capable of judging what is best for you.

WORRIED BABY, Trussville, Ala.—Yours is rather a difficult question to answer. The average engaged girl rather likes to have her fiance take her in his arms, just as much as he likes to do it, and your fiance is justified in feeling hurt because you refuse. On the other hand, you are equally justified in thinking him inconsiderate of your wishes when he insists. Do you really dislike it or is it mostly because your father and mother object? If the idea is really objectionable to you, I'd advise you, for your future happiness and his, to think twice before marrying a man with an affectionate disposition.

AFTERBOTH, Colo.—You and your sister should comb your hair the way other little girls your own age comb their hair. Your letter wasn't explicit enough for further instructions.

TROUBLED LITTLE GIRL, W. Va.—Your parents should change your boarding place, but if they don't do that and your cousin persists in annoying you, you should give him a "biff in the eye."

BLANCHE, Okla.—I am glad you want to do better, for the world at large is more censorious of the young girl alone than the girl with parents and brothers to stand up for her, and you can't be too careful. It may not be wrong for your escort to put his arm over the back of your seat at the theater, but it is unnecessary and doesn't look well. (2) You are too young to be out so late, though if you are it is better to have eight in the party than just two; but don't have so many that it will be necessary to put your arm around a boy, just to make more room in the car. It's wonderful what imagination will do! (3) Doctors are often called from churches but it is done by an usher and in a quiet manner, and people understand why, but it was making you altogether too conspicuous to have a young man come to the church door and call for you. You should have told him you didn't like it. I'll bet the church gossip had the time of their lives talking about it. That's as many questions as I can answer at one time.

E. B. G., Spokane, Wash.—I'd like very much to have a good heart-to-heart talk with your father and mother. Why, oh, why, won't fathers and mothers in general, see that if their daughters aren't allowed to entertain their boy friends in their own homes, there is a chance that they'll meet them elsewhere? Your parents are losing a golden opportunity of keeping your confidence and being pals to you, but be patient and perhaps they'll do better later on. They mean the very best for you; so forgive them. All this talk of parents forgiving their children should be reversed occasionally and children should forgive their parents for unintentional wrongs done them.

REVA, Ky.—There is no charge and you may ask three questions each month. Read answer to E. B. G., which partly answers your questions. Wait a year, then if you are as much in love with each other as you think you are now, it will be time enough to think of marriage.

MYRTLE, Okla.—White is the regulation color for brides to wear, but if you are to be married in a traveling suit, it could be of any becoming color. As I've said before, I'm partial to dark blue.

BILLY, Sandy Bend, Ark.—I appreciate your mother's confidence in me and agree with her that you are too young to do your hair up. Brush it every day, keep it clean and comb it in some little-girl way. (2) You aren't too old to play with dolls. (3) No beaux until you are eighteen, at least.

MARGARET, Ohio.—It is only common courtesy to ask a guest, man or woman, to call again, though you might leave it to your boy caller to set the exact date; that gives you an opportunity to find out how anxious he is to see you again.

HEART-BROKEN SISTERS, Iowa.—Now that you realize the seriousness of your act it doesn't seem necessary for me to caution you against a repetition—anyway, D-O-N-T! If you are sure of yourselves and your companions it won't be necessary for you to give up their friendship or love.

UNSETTLED, Oregon.—"Should a lady who has a dance promised to one partner dance it with another just because he asks after the first?" She isn't a lady if she does that. Ladies always keep their promises, but they don't make rash or imprudent promises.

There, my dusting (mental dusting) for the month is done and I'll sit back and wait for what the April showers bring.

By by, COUSIN MARION.

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Tied and Dyed To Produce Fancy Effects in Home Dyeing

By Frances L. Garside

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THESE are the sane and sensible times when a woman no longer boasts of how much she spent on her attractive rooms, but how little. A generation ago she spent more on one piece of furniture than she spends now on all the furniture in the room, and was as proud of her extravagance then as she is now of her economy.

In just one word there lies the secret of artistic effects resulting from economical efforts, and that word is "Draperies." Pretty draperies make a room, and inartistic draperies mar it. The outlay on mahogany furniture cannot be so great that an ugly curtain will not cheapen the effect.

Silks, wools, chintz, percales and reps have an unhappy way of fading, and as all these materials are steadily advancing in price, the clever woman has had to resort to dyes to replace them, and in no other method of dyeing may she hope to achieve as original and artistic effects as in tying and dyeing, an old-new art.

This process has been used in many parts of the world. Some interesting examples of it are found among the textiles from the so-called Inca graves in Peru and Bolivia, dating back to the sixteenth century. Some extremely interesting specimens of tied work can be seen in the Philippine collection in the New York Museum of Natural History, brought from the Bagobo tribe in Mindanao.

These specimens show marvelous patience and ingenuity, and are generally made of thin, flimsy muslin, most elaborately decorated in three or four colors with patterns made up of an infinite

number of small round or rectangular rings of white or light colors, against a darker background. In the modern application the process is easier, and almost as artistic.

The beginner should use cheese-cloth, or its equivalent in texture and price. Gather a small circle of the goods, as much as would cover a marble, and tie with a stout cord. Many have found that to actually tie a marble in the goods produces a uniform effect. These circles may be tied in a regular band the length or width of the material, or tied promiscuously. Then, when this is done, the material is dipped in dye, and hung up to dry. When thoroughly dried, the strings are cut and a small circle of a lighter shade is found. One woman, who could not afford yellow chintz or silk for a north bedroom, tied and dyed all the draperies in her room, first taking the original color out with lye. When developed, there was a beautiful effect in yellow with big white circles scattered here and there in what might be called impressionist fashion.

Another woman, noting that the sun had faded her curtains, couch hangings and rugs from a deep blue to a paler shade, tied and dyed in a deep blue. The rings were of the original pale blue, and stood out beautifully against the deeper background.

The economic possibilities of tied and dyed in old material are more than equalled by the artistic results in new goods. A young girl had white China silk given her for a dress. She did not want a white dress, but she needed a new garment. She tied and dyed the silk, using the palest shades, and the result was a texture almost opalescent in its attractive coloring.

"And the best of it is," she said, "no other girl has, or can have, a dress just like it. I couldn't duplicate it myself if I were to try."

I would be pleased to hear from some of the COMFORT sisters.

LAURA DANIELSON,
DEWEY, MISS.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:
After reading September COMFORT I had to write and send a few words of encouragement. Oh! if we would only learn to live one day at a time, there would be fewer of us asking advice from our stronger sisters. It seems sometimes a hard lesson to learn. There are dark days when we feel there cannot possibly be a bright side to anything. Yet there is, always, and we can find it if we search. There are times when the hope that was dearest to us turns to ashes as an outstretched hand almost touches it; when our loved ones, and friends upon whom we would have counted most, prove disloyal. When all of our efforts meet defeat we are ready to give up in despair. There is one great sorrow in life that no irreverent hand can touch lightly. It is the sacrifice we have to make on the altar of our love, and whether this sacrifice be made for the living or dead, it is a real sorrow, but much of what we worry over, grieve over, fret over, much that causes sleepless nights on tear-stained pillows, should be met with greater bravery, stronger control.

Now to "A Sister" who wanted to know if she must leave her husband or stay on. Stay on, by all means. Live "one day at a time;" 'tis the natural way of bearing life's burdens and cares day by day. I am sure your husband would not be happy with you away and you would never, never be. Learn to live one day at a time, so that you may conquer the smaller worries that come up daily. Just in proportion as we conquer the smaller things of life we will triumph over the big ones. In the years to come it will not be the bitter but the sweet we will wish to live over again. So then, as we all go journeying onward o'er life's mysterious highway, let us be ever looking for the roses and when we find the thorns, as we all do, and will continue to do as long as the world stands, let us meet them in the armor of patience and at last we can say as all true conquerors can, "I have fought a good fight."

Now to "Wife in Name Only," perhaps a part of my little "preachment" will help you. I wish you and "A Sister" would both write me a personal letter. Will some of the sisters please write.

MRS. WALTER HENDERSON.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:
I have come to contribute my mite, in part payment, for all the helps I have obtained from our corner in the past.

To all, young and old, big and small, who are troubled with hernia or rupture I wish to tell how I cured my little boy at the age of three months and again when he was six. I noticed it first when he was three months old and one doctor advised an operation and another said use a truss and wait until he is older. I took his advice and all who have had the experience know what followed: for fifteen months I watched him constantly. Then an old lady told me to remove the truss and apply withing harel to the abdomen, night and morning, as often as it possible. A druggist told her son this and he had cured himself and he had no more trouble until he was six years old when he tried his strength by lifting a bag of popcorn which brought back the old trouble. I was afraid I could not cure him as easily as when he was younger, as the rupture was so bad I could not get it back into place. I took him to the doctor and he replaced it and fitted a truss. He gave me no hope and said the sooner he was operated on the better and then I told him how I had cured him before and he said he had never heard of a case being cured in that way. I tried it again and in three weeks my boy went to school without a truss and has never worn one since. He is past eight now. Get a truss that will keep rupture in place and do not get discouraged if it slips back the truss occasionally for it will do until the opening closes. Simply remove the truss and lie with the feet and hips elevated and it will gradually work into place. Do not wear truss at night unless the patient is very bad or has a cough.

If anyone wishes to write me for further explanation I will answer all who send stamped envelopes. We live half way between Denver, Colo., and Cheyenne.

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Comfort Sisters' Corner

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Astoria is a peninsula and is almost entirely surrounded by water. We have the Columbia River on the north and Young's Bay on the south.

This is a great country for wild flowers and wild berries. It is great fun to go in the woods and pick them. We have huckleberries, salmon berries and thimble berries. You should taste some of our huckleberry pies. They are delicious.

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We have three forts at the mouth of the Columbia River, that are well fortified. They are Ft. Columbia and Ft. Canby on the Washington side and Ft. Stevens on the Oregon side. There were thousands of soldiers stationed here during the war.

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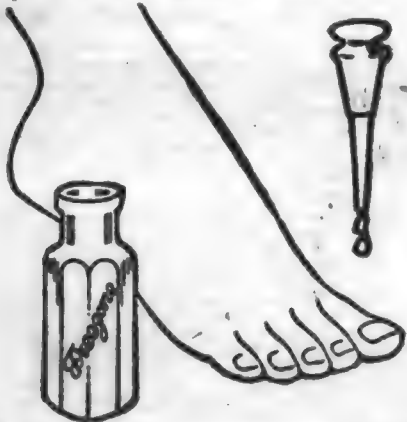
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Avenues that Lead to Thrift

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top into a detachable frame, to be quickly adjusted by small bolts or hasps at each end. Thus the cart may also be used for a sewing table. Sandpaper and stain with waterproof staining that is readily renewed.

The push-handle is also convenient to hang table-cover and napkins on.

Other Helpful Expedients

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original purpose, make excellent rings in the kitchen on which to set hot dishes. They save work and finish.

IN POLISHING TABLE TOPS it requires a strong arm and a heavy polisher. All this may be made easier by covering a heavy flatiron with old woolen cloth, winding it smoothly around several times and sewing it solidly.

DO NOT THROW AWAY white or ecru linen window shades when they are past service at the windows. Soak through several cold waters to which a little sal-soda has been added. Then wash in good strong suds and boil. You will find many uses for the cloth.

IF YOUR CELLARWAY IS DARK, lose no time in painting the top and bottom step a light color. It may save the old folks from falling.

AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO AVOID FALLS, is by pasting surgeon's adhesive plaster, the adhesive side outward, to the soles of the rubbers.

RAIN-WATER FOR HOUSE PLANTS.—Maybe it is the use of hard water in watering your plants that causes failures. Try saving rain-water for this purpose.

IF SOOT FALLS UPON THE RUG or carpet, sprinkle heavily with salt or cornmeal before trying to sweep it up. Use a whisk hand brush, and after the greater part has been removed, repeat the process for thorough cleaning.

IN BUYING A STAIR CARPET, it is economy to buy the length of one more tread than is necessary. Let this end run under a rug, and when the carpet is cleaned, slide it along a few inches to change the wear.

SAVE ALL THE OLD SPOOLS to slip over nails before driving them into the closet walls. Especially useful in this arrangement in damp climates where rust spots appear from contact with metal.

STOVE CEMENT.—Equal parts of salt and hard wood ashes mixed with water to form a paste will effectively cement cracks in a stove.

PARAFFIN PAPER.—Make sheets of paraffin paper by running sheets of thin white or brown paper through hot paraffin. Use these to cover food with in cold places. In ice boxes, the paper prevents "sweating" of the food.

LOCATION OF MIRRORS.—Change the location of mirrors if the rays of the sun strike them as the sun injures the silvering, causing a mottled appearance.

CLEANING BRISTLE BRUSHES.—When the hair bristles become soft from long use in the carpet-sweeper, floor, or hand brushes, put a little baking soda into some hot water, and in this solution work the brushes in and out until thoroughly cleaned. Dry them in hot sun.

SOAPSTONE SINKS should be treated to one or more coats of linseed oil before being used. The oil improves the appearance of the soapstone, besides making a surface that is easily kept clean.

EXTENSION TABLE LOCK.—If your extension dining table does not lock when the extra leaves are out, put a screw-eye and hook into the frame underneath for fear it may be pulled from one side when covered with dishes.

WHEN DUSTING, carry two dusters; a clean one for photos, white surfaces, etc., and one with a little furniture polish on it for dark wood and furniture.

DRAWERS THAT BIND.—Rubbing a bar of hard soap over the running edges of bureau drawers and on the strip on which they run will usually prevent "hitching" when they are pulled out. Soap will also prevent screens from sticking if rubbed on both screen and screen strip.

GREASE THE SNOW SHOVEL.—Before starting in to shovel snow, first apply a liberal coating of grease to the shovel and see how much easier it cuts into the snow.

OLD BROOMS.—There seem to be many uses for old brooms. One is to cut off the handle six inches from the broom and trim it squarely to within four inches of the stitching. At the end of a back step bore a hole that will just admit the broom handle and you have an excellent scraper for muddy boots. Another use is to trim the broom short and squarely, cover it securely with a soft floor cloth and use it to polish linoleum or oilcloth.

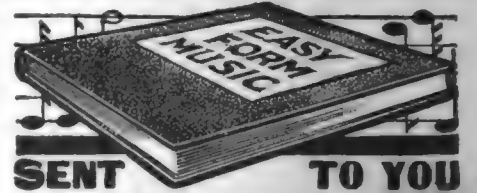
OLD NEWSPAPERS.—Many thicknesses of newspapers under carpets or matings will save much

wear, prevent moths, keep out much cold, besides making them softer to walk on.

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Prisoners of the Storm

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"She now! Why shouldn't she? I acted up kind of rough at first. I didn't know what nice girls they were that was coming into the valley. Why shouldn't I be a little bit neighborly, now't your little house has prob'ly saved my carcass from the wolves?"

Jessica shivered. "Oh, don't talk about that, please. Of course, anyone would take a man in out of the blizzard. We'll be glad—or I will anyway—to know that you won't be trying to drive us out; but Laura's awful set. She never'll take any help from you—or from anyone, for that matter."

"You've likely heard some pretty rough yarns about me."

"No, really—at least, not that, I believe. Oh, I was forgetting. You must be hungry."

"Why, yes, maybe; though I hadn't thought of it. I'm mighty well off, I guess, for a stormy night like this."

Jessica rose with a burning blush, and confusedly set about the preparations for supper. In half an hour bacon and cornbread, potatoes and coffee were smoking on the little table. The ranchman ate silently. His weather-tanned countenance had now a high flush as of fever or wine; and his handsome eyes followed eagerly Jessica's every movement. She endeavored to make conversation on indifferent subjects, but with poor success; and she hardly touched her food. Her mind was a whirl of conflicting emotions. One instant she was wishing her visitor away, and the next was wildly glad of his presence. Now she feared or almost hated him, thinking of the futility of the old carving knife hidden in the bedroom as a weapon against so powerful and agile an antagonist; and now she trembled with joy to think that her little house and its fire had lain in the track of his storm-bewildered wanderings and saved him from a miserable death. Vividly recurring in the panorama of her wild and whirling thoughts was her amazement at herself.

When the dishes had been cleared away and the fire replenished, they sat on opposite sides of the table, Jessica at work on some rough sewing, and Steele smoking or sitting back with half-closed eyes, listening to the roar of the storm and watching her busy and nervous fingers. At times the silence in the little room became tense, and the girl ventured some commonplace remark in the hope of gaining some measure of reassurance. To these Steele replied briefly and civilly; then returned to his meditations. As Jessica bent over her work she could feel his gaze glowing on her cheek and neck like a beam of midsummer sun. When she raised her head and met his eyes, he turned away or rose and resumed his lion-like pacing. In the lulls of the wind the little clock on the mantel ticked loudly.

At eleven o'clock Jessica had been sitting for half an hour with her work untouched in her lap. Her face was white with weariness. Steele rose and came toward her with a strange awkwardness in his movements. She gazed up at him, stifling the cry that rose to her lips.

"Now, Miss Jessica," he said, in a strange, tense voice, "you go into your room there and go to bed. I'll bunk down here before the stove and keep guard. I guess there won't be any burglars break in tonight, though."

"All right," replied the girl tremulously. "Let's see what we can find in the way of coats and blankets so you can be somewhere near comfortable."

"Don't worry too much about that. I'll be all right. I'm used to roughing it. And you'll want to be sure and have plenty of things on your bed tonight. It'll be cold in there."

Jessica bustled about the cabin, found some sacks and an old rough coat of her own and brought one of the pillows from the bedroom. These things, with Jeffrey's fur coat, made a passable bed; but he insisted on knowing that Jessica would have ample covering before he accepted them. Bidding him good night in a voice scarcely audible, she closed the door of

the bedroom, leaving her visitor smoking, with apparent calmness, a last pipel by the stove. A few minutes later she heard him disposing his long limbs on the makeshift couch.

For an hour she lay listening to the storm-wind, her heart beating rapidly and her mind a thoroughfare for a procession of bewildering visions. Fear was there in horrid shapes and bold defiance—and a strange tremulous tenderness. There was no lock or bolt on the bedroom door, merely a hook that would certainly not withstand the shove of a powerful shoulder. The futile old carving knife was under her pillow; but she well knew that she could never turn its point against the man who now lay a scant four paces from her bed. Against herself rather—if worse came to worse! That would be far, far better. Already she could not bear to think of any harm coming to him, far less of herself inflicting pain and death. Her own life could be sacrificed if need be. What did it matter?

She had fallen into a doze when she was roused by hearing the young ranchman moving about in the living-room. A chair was moved, and she heard the stove door opened and closed. His steps approached her door, and receded. Then for half an hour she could hear no sounds save those of the storm without. At last her weary young body had its way, and she fell into a deep and dreamless sleep.

She was awakened by the sounds which Jeffrey was making in replenishing the fire in the living-room, and by the dim morning light which came from the half-window. The snow had ceased falling, but the wind howled as furiously as ever, tugging at the drifts and whirling blinding clouds of flakes across the plain. The sky overhead was a dingy grey, verging to a greenish-black near the horizon, with not a hand's breadth of blue anywhere. She dressed hurriedly, and pulling open the door, greeted her visitor with a tremulous good morning.

Jeffrey looked up with a smile, and replied in a manner less constrained than that of the previous evening. He insisted that his bed had been "plenty good enough," but a haggard and drawn look about his eyes belied his words. He worked with quick and nervous motions replacing the garments that had formed his couch and bringing more fuel from the shed. Already he had a good fire, and the teakettle was beginning to simmer. The preparations for breakfast went forward, Jessica working hurriedly and anxiously and declining the offers of assistance made by the young ranchman.

When they were seated on opposite sides of the table, Jeffrey immediately noticed that his hostess in serving the meal had dealt out the portions very unevenly, heaping his plate with the wherewithal to satisfy a robust appetite, and placing only an invalid's portion on her own.

"What's the matter?" he demanded. "Aren't you feeling well?"

"Oh, yes, I feel well enough," answered Jessica, flushing guiltily.

"You're not eating enough to keep a chicken alive. What's the matter?"

"Oh, I'm all right. Some days I don't eat much."

Jeffrey's eyes searched her countenance. Apparently he was not satisfied with what he found there, for he quickly rose, and went to the little storage cupboard and the boxes in the corner of the room where the Ballantynes kept their provisions. After a minute's search he came back to the table with a new, stern look on his face. "I thought so," he said gravely. "Your provisions are running low, and it was your idea to starve yourself and give me plenty. Now here—"

He seized her plate with its pitiful fragments, and placing it beside the bacon dish which she had pushed to his side of the table for his second helping, quickly deposited upon it the two slices of bacon and the one remaining segment of cornbread. Then he carried the plate around and set it before her.

"Now eat," he said, briefly.

"But really," she protested, "I'm not very hungry."

"Eat your breakfast," he said curtly, "then we'll talk."

Jessica obediently ate the portions assigned her, wondering the while why she made no more determined protest. When she had finished Jeffrey renewed the discussion in a tone of reproach.

"That was a nice thing for you to do,—letting me go on eating like a horse, and with no more idea where the next meal was coming from."

"There'll be plenty—as soon as Laura gets back," returned the other faintly. She couldn't manage to meet his eyes.

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Jessica gazed helplessly out of the window at the whirling drifts.

"There's enough meal to make another plate of cornbread," she said, "but the bacon and the potatoes are gone."

"That's it!" exclaimed Jeffrey, rising quickly. "You've got just about enough for one person for one day."

"I didn't realize till I came to get breakfast," said Jessica, guiltily.

"Oh, you're not to blame, except for not telling me as soon as you did realize. It's wonderful the things women will do."

"You are my guest," she reminded him, with a catch in her voice that was almost a sob.

"Yes," he responded, huskily, "and you'd have gone hungry to feed a man that just a little while ago was trying to drive you out of the valley."

"Oh, let's forget about that," she pleaded. And now tears glistened on her eyelids, and one bright drop rolled down her cheek.

Jeffrey leaped to his feet. "Here," he said, almost roughly, "I can be something better than a guest who eats you out of house and home. I'm going over to the ranch."

"Oh!" she cried in alarm, "you can't do it. It's just as bad as yesterday. The drifts are deeper."

"No, it isn't so bad, because I can see today, part of the time, anyway. Do you see that row of cottonwoods over there? No, wait a minute,—there now. Do you see them?"

"Yes, what of them?"

"They'll enable me to keep going in the right direction. I know they're about half a mile to the left of the ranch house. It will be some job plowing through those drifts; but I can make it. Then I'll hitch up two horses, tandem; and bring you over some provisions."

Jessica peered anxiously from the windows toward the line of cottonwoods. For an instant she caught a glimpse of their bare tops against the leaden sky; then they were hidden by a smother of whirling snow. The sky overhead was black with menace. A terrible, knife-like fear stabbed her to the heart. With a cry she turned back to her companion.

"Mr. Steele, don't you see how dangerous it is? Really, I believe it's worse than it was yesterday. Don't try it."

But Jeffrey was already buttoning his fur coat across his throat and pulling down his cap.

"Say good by to me, Jessica," he said, reaching for her hand, "and wish me luck."

"Don't go,—Jeffrey don't go."

He was holding her little, tall-hardened hand in both of his, and she was gazing up into his face. A great sob shook her bosom, and tears rained down her face.

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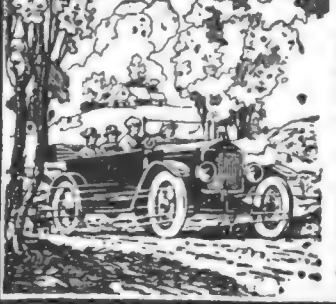
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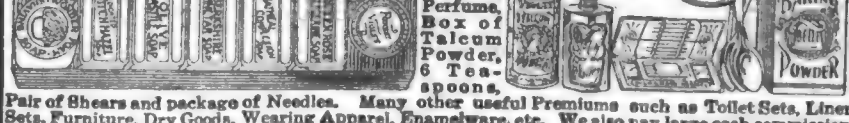
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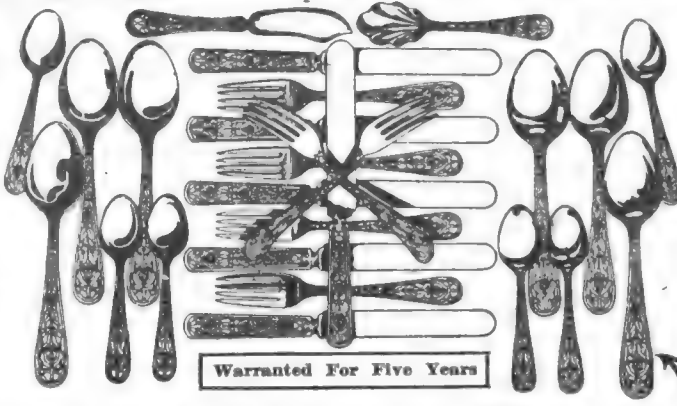
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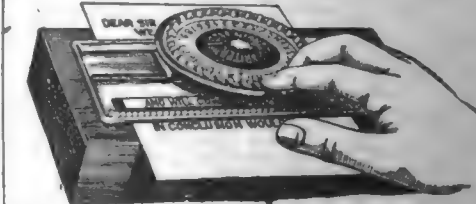
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THE great popularity of these new leads us to make this offer to our readers. In fact, there seems to be a veritable CRAZE for these beautiful, large, odd-shaped beads, which come in different colors to match the costume, and of generous length, so that they hang well down the front of the dress. They are not strung on string or wire but are fastened together with tiny, gilt-plated, silver-colored rings, which form a pleasing contrast with the rich, subdued colors of the beads themselves. Some of these necklaces—which, by the way, retail as high as \$5.00—are enormous in size, others are quite small; we picked out a medium size, thinking it would please the greater number of our readers. It is 30 inches long, two of the beads are larger than the rest, as shown in the illustration, while at the very end and serving as a pendant, there hangs a large, handsome, oblong-shaped bead an inch and a quarter long. The smaller beads in this necklace are each five eighths of an inch long and there are forty-two beads in all.

We will send you one of these handsome and stylish necklaces—your choice of red, blue, amber, coral and jade—upon the terms of the following offer:

Given To You. For two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each we will send you this Necklace free by parcel post, prepaid. Please be sure to mention color wanted. Premium No. 9232. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

Genuine Gold Filled Guaranteed For 5 Years

APRIL AUGUST JANUARY

Gold Birthstone Rings

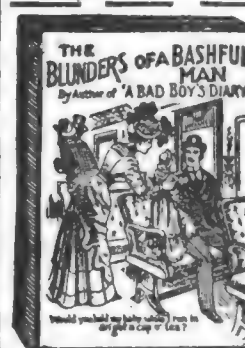
THE most popular ladies' rings worn today are these beautiful birthstone rings. Not only is it considered lucky to wear one of them but they are now and always will be exceedingly stylish. We are able to illustrate only three of the rings but there are twelve in all—a different stone for each month of the year, and of course you should wear the stone that is symbolical of the month you were born. The following is a list of the twelve rings, names of the stones and the month to which they apply:

No. 8411, January, Garnet. No. 8421, February, Amethyst. No. 8431, March, Bloodstone. No. 8441, April, Diamond. No. 8451, May, Emerald. No. 8461, June, Agate. No. 8471, July, Ruby. No. 8481, August, Sardonyx. No. 8491, September, Sapphire. No. 8501, October, Opal. No. 8511, November, Topaz. No. 8521, December, Turquoise.

Each ring is guaranteed genuine gold filled, which looks exactly like solid gold and will wear for years. In fact we absolutely guarantee each ring for at least five years. The rings themselves are perfectly plain, the stones are solitaires and perfect imitations of the real gems. The setting of each ring is the ever popular "Tiffany" style. As a Christmas, Birthday or all-the-year-round gift for wife, mother, sweetheart or sister, nothing could be more appropriate and acceptable than one of these beautiful guaranteed rings set with the birthstone of the person to whom it is given. We will send you one of these rings free upon the terms of the following offer:

Given To You. For one one-year subscription (not your own) to COMFORT at 50 cents we will send you one of these beautiful gold-filled Rings by parcel post, prepaid. Please be sure to give size and number of ring wanted. Premium No. 8221. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

You Will Laugh, You Will Yell, You Will Scream at



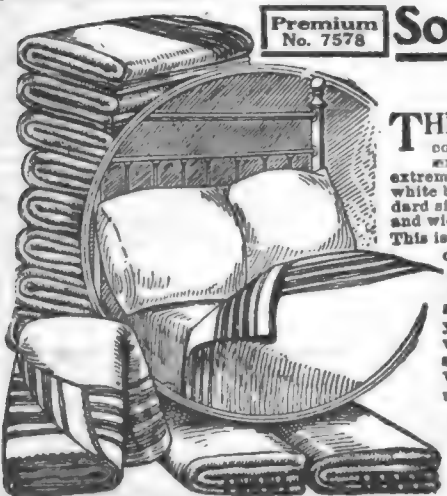
"The Blunders of A Bashful Man"

Premium No. 8221

You need this great book! You cannot do without it! For chasing away melancholia, dispelling gloom and banishing trouble you will find it better than all the doctors' "dope" in the world and it has the circus and vaudeville beaten a mile. This great story is the world's champion funny book and you must read it because it

graduates wrinkles, improves the complexion and by its laughter-compelling mirth and irresistible humor rejuvenates your whole body. In this screamingly funny story you follow with rapt attention and hilarious delight the mishaps, mortifications, confusions and agonizing mental and physical distresses of a self-conscious, hypersensitive, appallingly bashful young man who stumbles on through a succession of astounding accidents and ludicrous predicaments that will convulse you with cyclonic laughter causing you to hold both sides for fear of exploding from an excess of uproarious merriment. As a fun maker, rib tickler and laugh-provoker this great story "The Blunders of a Bashful Man" beats all records and you will miss the treat of your life if you don't get it and read it at once.

Free Offer. For one one-year subscription (not your own) to COMFORT at 50 cents, we will send you a copy of "The Blunders of a Bashful Man" free and postpaid. Premium No. 8221. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.



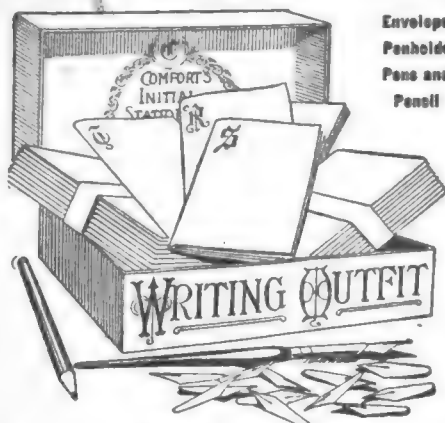
Soft Warm Bed Blankets

Sent Prepaid For A Club Of Eight

THIS IS an offer which no good housewife can afford to overlook. It is your opportunity to secure as many large comfortable bed blankets as you may need without a cent of expense. They are 56 inches wide, six feet in length extremely well made and finely finished. The color is gray with standard size bed being of sufficient length to come up well on the pillow and wide enough so that they may be snugly tucked in at the sides. This is in reality one of the best bargains in a premium we have ever offered due to the fact that we buy these blankets in large quantities direct from the mill at a specially low price and therefore are enabled to offer them for a very small club of subscriptions. When you think of this big warm blanket on your bed or lying on a closet shelf ready for use when wanted, we believe that you will want to start a club at once for the sake of securing one or more of them free of all cost to you. We will gladly send you one or more of these splendid blankets upon the terms of the following

Club Offer. For a club of only eight one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each, we will send you one of these fine double bed blankets free by Parcel Post prepaid. Prem. No. 7578. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

Box Of Initial Stationery



Envelopes,
Penholder,
Pens and
Pencil

Latest Style Monogram

IT is now the height of fashion and evidence of the very best taste to use stationery with your own monogram initial or "crest" on it. In this offer we give you two dozen sheets white linen stationery 10 1/2 x 6 1/4 inches in size, each sheet beautifully embossed in colors with any monogram initial you desire, two dozen envelopes, one dozen best quality steel pens, one good grade pencil and one penholder. Just think how nice it will be when writing to your friends to have your own letter crest monogram initial embossed in colors on this high-grade fine quality stationery. Remember you get one full quire of choice paper and twenty-four envelopes besides all the other articles in this complete writer's outfit. Don't hesitate to send for this premium today because you will surely be delighted with it. It is yours free upon the terms of the following offer.

Given To You. For two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each we will send you a box of this Initial Stationery and complete Writing Outfit free by parcel post, prepaid. When ordering be sure to specify what monogram initial you want. Premium No. 9482.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

SCRIM CURTAINS GIVEN!



THE price of cloth has advanced tremendously within the past few years, but that does not prevent us from offering these stylish Scrim Curtains for the ridiculous small club of six. We make no money profit on our premiums—that's the reason. They are full size, each side piece measuring 2 1/2 feet in width and just long enough so they will hang a little below the window sill. The top piece or "val-

ance," as it is commonly called, is 1 1/2 feet wide and 2 1/2 feet long. The insertion is a 3-inch band of Fillet lace. The color is White or Ecru—whichever you prefer. These Curtains are all the style now, so don't miss this wonderful opportunity to secure one or more of them absolutely free. And be sure to send in your order at once as our supply is limited.

Given To You. For a club of only six one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each, we will send you these stylish Curtains free by parcel post prepaid. Be sure to mention color wanted. Premium No. 7756. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

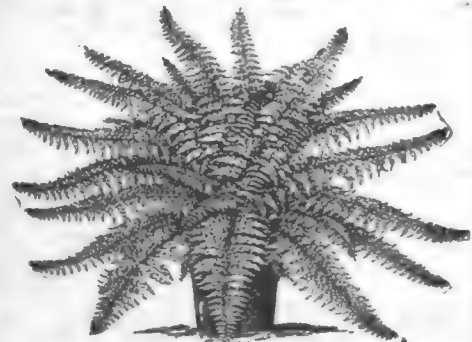


Shaggy Teddy Bear

EVERY little boy and girl wants a Teddy Bear and here is an opportunity for every father or mother who reads COMFORT to get one without expense. "Teddy" is a plump, shaggy fellow, 10 inches tall, made of brown plush, carefully stitched and finished, and his head and legs are jointed in such a manner that you can place him in almost any position. He will stand up, sit down, stand on his head, walk on all fours, in fact he gets himself into all kinds of positions, so comical and lifelike that it makes the children scream with delight just to look at him. Teddy is so well made that he cannot easily become broken, and with ordinary care should last for years. We will send you Teddy free if you will accept the following special offer:

Given To You. For two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each we will send you this Teddy Bear free and prepaid. Premium No. 9472. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

Four Lovely Ferns



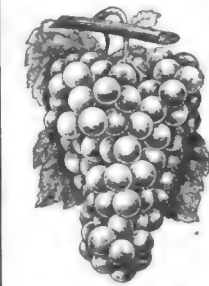
THEY are the largest, handsomest varieties ever grown for house culture—the Asparagus Plumosus or "Lace" fern, the Roosevelt, the Boston or "Fountain" fern and the Whitmani or "Ostrich Plume" fern. We guarantee these ferns to be strong, healthy and well rooted, and that they will reach you in perfect condition, ready to pot. If any of them fail to grow, we will cheerfully replace them free of charge. We are able to illustrate only one variety, "The Roosevelt," but remember you get all four ferns free this offer.

Given To You. For one one-year subscription (not your own) to COMFORT at 50 cents we will send you the above described collection of four beautiful ferns free by parcel post, prepaid. Premium No. 8581. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

Plant This Grand Fruit Orchard

Barrels
Of Apples
And Pears

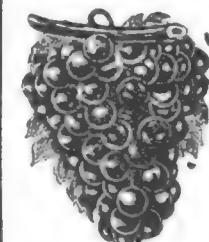
Bushels
Of Berries
And Grapes



Delaware Grape



Bartlett Pear



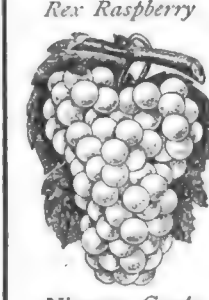
Concord Grape



Wealthy Apple



Rex Raspberry



Niagara Grape

For A Club Of Two

We Will Send You Seventeen Apple And Pear Trees, Berry Bushes and Grape Vines!

BY special arrangement with the growers in Michigan we can now offer our readers this grand Fruit and Orchard Collection of 17 Choice Fruit Trees, Berry Bushes and Grape Vines. If planted at standard distances apart they will nicely fill an eighth of an acre. Or they can be planted closer if desired, or they can be made to form a border around your yard or lot. Wherever grown, however, they will yield loads of the finest Apples, Pears, Grapes, Raspberries and Dewberries every year as long as you live. All the varieties in this splendid Collection have been carefully selected for their characteristics of rapid growth, early maturity, immense yield and extreme hardiness. We believe it would be difficult to secure as much actual value from any other assortment of the same size.

Here is what we give you: One Snow Apple Tree, One Wealthy Apple Tree, One Kieffer Pear Tree, One Bartlett Pear Tree, Two Lucretia Dewberry Bushes, Two Rex Raspberry Bushes, Three Niagara Grape Vines, Three Delaware Grape Vines, Three Concord Grape Vines.

The four grafted Apple and Pear Trees in this Collection are the best that can be procured. They are one foot high, grafted by experts from bearing trees with high records. They will take root as soon as planted and grow rapidly into vigorous healthy trees. You could not get better trees at any price.

The nine Grape Vines are a product of southern Michigan, where the finest grapes in the world are grown. From selected vines, cuttings are taken and buried in underground pits until they undergo a process known as "callousing." After being properly "calloused" the cuttings will take root as soon as planted. The "calloused" Grape Cuttings in this Collection are all produced in this manner. They will grow rapidly and bear immense crops of choice grapes even sooner than large vines planted at the same time.

The two Raspberry Bushes and two Dewberry Bushes in this Collection are robust, one-year-old youngsters, ready to set out as soon as you receive them. They will begin growing at once and develop into fine, heavy-bearing bushes if given proper attention.

All Will Bear Soon! The garden which you plant with this fine Fruit and Orchard Collection will prove an ever increasing source of pleasure and profit to you year after year. All the trees, vines and bushes will bear fruit in a remarkably short time. The Raspberry will produce some fruit this season. Then next year your Dewberries will commence bearing. The following year you will have grapes and some pears. (A properly cared for Grape Vine will yield a bushel of grapes every season.) Your Apple and Pear Trees will begin bearing in from three to five years. Then you will have loads and loads of fine fruit in increasing quantity every year.

Guaranteed To Grow! Everything in this Collection is absolutely guaranteed to grow. We stand behind every Collection sent out and the growers in turn stand behind us. You may rest assured that if you order this splendid Collection (and you surely ought to), it will reach you in good condition and grow to your entire satisfaction if the directions for planting are carefully followed. If any of the trees, bushes or vines fail to make growth satisfactory to you, we hereby guarantee to replace them promptly and absolutely without charge to you. You cannot lose. You run absolutely no risk in accepting this offer.

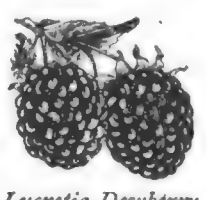
Full Planting Instructions! With this fine Fruit and Orchard Collection we are also going to send you complete instructions for planting. These directions are fully illustrated with pictures and diagrams showing you just what to do and when and how to do it. By following these simple directions you will in a few years have one of the finest orchards in your neighborhood.

Our Free Offer! Send us only two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each and this remarkable Fruit and Orchard Collection is yours free. The two Apple Trees, two Pear Trees, two Dewberry Bushes, two Raspberry Bushes and nine Grape Vines. The whole Collection will be carefully packed in moss, securely wrapped and sent to you by prepaid parcel post, direct from the Michigan growers at the proper time for planting in your locality. Remember we guarantee that everything will reach you in perfect condition. You will also receive complete illustrated instructions for planting. Be sure to send in your order this very day and ask for Premium No. 9542.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine



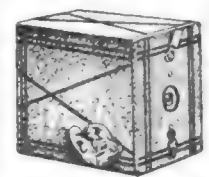
Kieffer Pear



Lucretia Dewberry



Snow Apple



Camera Given

ASPLENDID Camera, either for yourself or to give as a present to someone. It is the pocket "Premo," made by the Eastman Kodak Company, and it takes beautiful pictures 1 1/2 x 1 3/4 inches in size. Fitted with Meniscus lens and automatic shutter which allows you to take either snap-shots or time exposures. Uses the regulation roll film cartridge containing six exposures and this film may be put in the camera in broad daylight. Anybody can take good pictures with this camera. It is so simple to operate that even a child can use it.

CLUB OFFER. We will send you this Premo Camera with one six-exposure roll film cartridge and instruction book free and prepaid for four one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each. Premium No. 7944. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

2-Piece Toilet Set

COMB AND BRUSH SET



THIS is a good grade Toilet Set, consisting of comb and brush. The comb is seven inches long, with coarse and fine teeth, and comes in the new popular "Malachite" green finish. The brush is nine inches long, two and a half inches wide, with firm white bristles, and is finished in the same beautiful "Malachite" green, with a silverline shablon on the back. We have given away thousands of these sets and it never fails to please.

Given To You. For three one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each we will send you this Comb and Brush Set free and prepaid. Premium No. 8483. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

Your Own Birthstone Set In This Stylish Gold Pendant!

Birthstone Pendant And Chain

We Give You Both Pendant and Chain For A Club of Two!

ONE of the most stylish ornaments for women and girls who like to wear the birthstone pendant and chain, also called Lavaliers. The one of design we found among the largest jewelry manufacturers in the United States. It has a cable chain, the pendant plate and set with your birthstone to the pendant a beautiful int. Baring is a list of the twelve and the month which each stone is a solitaire and beautiful imitation ever seen. When ordering be sure to mention number of

9552 Jan. Garnet, Symbol of Power.
9562 Feb. Amethyst, Symbol of Pure Love.
9572 March Aquamarine, Symbol of Courage.
9582 April Diamond, Symbol of Purity.
9592 May Emerald, Symbol of Immortality.
9602 June Pearl, Symbol of Long Life.
9612 July Ruby, Symbol of Charity.
9622 Aug. Peridot, Symbol of Happiness.
9632 Sept. Sapphire, Symbol of Constancy.
9642 Oct. Opal, Symbol of Hope.
9652 Nov. Topaz, Symbol of Friendship.
9662 Dec. Turquoise, Symbol of Prosperity.

CLUB OFFER. For only two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each, we will send you a Birthstone Pendant and Chain free by Parcel Post prepaid. Be sure to mention number of stone wanted. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

96 WAR VIEWS INCLUDED FREE



See The Wonders Of War Through The Pan-Chro Scope

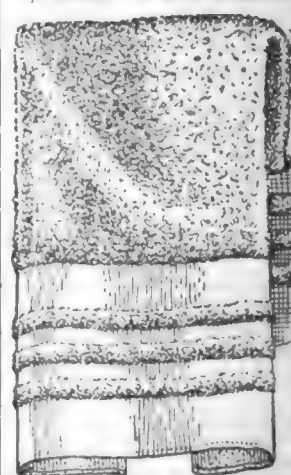
THE war is over—our boys are coming home—but the tragic scenes of conflict, the desolate ruins of villages and towns, and the thousands upon thousands of miles of devastated country where the tide of battle ebbed and flowed for so many years will live in the memory of every living person of this generation and the next.

Few of us will ever travel to Europe and there, with our own eyes view the actual scenes of the mightiest conflict in history. But you can see them through the Pan-Chro Scope, which is almost as good. The Pan-Chro Scope is a new invention—something like the stereoscope—fitted with twin-stereo lens of wonderful magnifying power. With this Scope we send you 96 different War Views, taken with the Camera. You place the View in the Scope, and immediately you find yourself face to face with an astonishingly life-like scene that resembles a section of a moving-picture film. First you are aboard an American warship—next you are looking into a trench "somewhere in France," then you are among the barbed wire entanglements in "No Man's Land," again you are watching house-to-house fighting in a captured French town, and many other scenes of actual warfare just as interesting and exciting as any of them in all the different views take you direct to Belgium, France or wherever the place may be and show you the scenes almost as plainly as though you were there yourself. This Pan-Chro Scope and Views is one of the most wonderful souvenirs of the great war yet produced. Everybody is fascinated with it—men, women, boys and girls alike. We have but a few left—but you can feel sure of getting one if your order is mailed at once.

CLUB OFFER. We will send you this Pan-Chro Scope with 48 all different War Views free and prepaid for three one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each. Premium No. 8533. Or for four one-year subscriptions at 50 cents each we will send you the Pan-Chro Scope with 96 War Views, all different. Premium No. 7924.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

Fine Turkish Towels



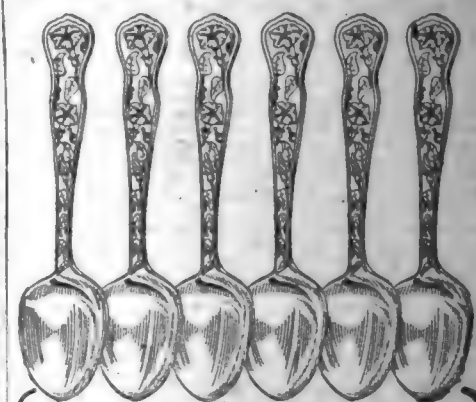
Good Size Soft And Fleecy

AFTER bathing there is nothing quite as fine as a good rub down with a Turkish towel. In fact it is the best towel for all purposes, whether for the bathroom, guestroom or everyday family use. They absorb the water much more readily than other towels and the soft fleecy-like surface imparts to the body a delightful feeling of warmth and well-being. They are also fine for baby's toilet as they will not hurt the tender skin.

The towels offered here are 15 inches wide and 32 inches long which is a good convenient size for all-round family use, and are of good weight, well made and finished. We will make you a present of two of these towels upon the terms of the following offer.

Given To You. For three one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each we will send you one pair (2) of these fine Turkish Towels free by parcel post prepaid. Premium No. 8503.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.



Twelve Silver Teaspoons

The Beautiful "Morning Glory" Design

BY buying in large quantities we are enabled to offer our readers this handsome set of twelve teaspoons for the ridiculously small club mentioned below. They are six inches long, silver plated on a white metal base, so there is no brass to show through, and they will never have that dingy or tarnished appearance even after years of constant use. The design is the beautiful "Morning Glory," deeply embossed on the handles which are finished in soft, elegant French grey. The bowls of the spoons are perfectly smooth and bright polished.

The rich design and splendid wearing qualities of these teaspoons combine to make this the most attractive premium offer in years. Our illustration does not do them justice. They must be seen to be appreciated. We know they will exceed your highest expectations.

Remember, that although we illustrate but six spoons, we are going to send you a full dozen. They are yours free if you will accept the following special offer.

Given To You! For three one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each, we will send you one dozen (12) of these fine Silver Plated Teaspoons free by parcel post, prepaid. Premium No. 8593.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

\$200 In Prizes To Trappers!

Write us describing your most interesting experiences, trapping secrets, etc! Send us a good "trapping" picture! For the best letters and photographs received we will pay Two Hundred Dollars in Prizes!

How To Write The Letter!

MAKE your letter as short as possible but do not leave out anything important for the sake of shortness.

Write in your own style, how many traps you used this season, how many and what kind of furs you took and how much cash you got for them.

Also describe any interesting and exciting experiences that you may have had and tell us about any trapping secrets you may know. Especially are we interested in the methods or "secrets" used by the most skillful trappers. If you follow any successful methods of your own in the matter of baits, setting your traps, skinning, etc., or if other trappers have told you about the methods which they use, be sure to describe them. In short, try to make your letter just as interesting and just as helpful to other trappers as you possibly can, for that is the kind of a letter that will win a prize.

How To Take The Picture!

WE want a good photograph of your furs—all of them if possible, or at least as many as you have on hand at any one time. You can take them up on the side of the barn or show them in a pile.

Also, we would like a photograph of some interesting trapping scene—something perhaps that has happened along your trap line. But be sure to send us a picture of your furs anyway. If you send them to market in several different shipments, take a picture of each shipment before it goes.

If you haven't a camera, get some friend who owns one to take the pictures for you. Please remember that the photograph should not be smaller than 2 1/4 by 3 1/4 inches. The postcard size—3 1/4 by 5 1/4—is the best size you could send.

Here Are The Prizes!

For the best, most interesting letters and photographs received, we will award the following prizes:

Best Letter With Photograph	\$15
Second Best Letter With Photograph	\$10
Next 3 Best Letters	Stevens .22 Rifle
Next 5 " " " "	\$3
Next 10 " " " "	6 Victor Traps
Next 20 " " " "	Hunting Knife
Next 30 " " " "	3 Victor Traps
Best Letter Without Photograph	\$10
Second Best Letter Without Photograph	Stevens .22 Rifle
Next 3 Best Letters	\$3
Next 5 " " " "	6 Victor Traps
Next 10 " " " "	Hunting Knife
Next 20 " " " "	3 Victor Traps
Best Photograph Without Letter	Stevens .22 Rifle
Second Best Photograph Without Letter	\$3
Next 3 Best Photographs	6 Victor Traps
Next 5 " " " "	Hunting Knife
Next 10 " " " "	3 Victor Traps

When To Send Letter And Photos!

MAIL us your letter and photographs as soon as possible. All letters and photographs will be examined as soon as received, the best and most interesting ones selected and the prizes awarded March 31, 1926.

If you win a cash prize the money will be sent you promptly by mail. If you win one of the other prizes it will be sent to you by express or parcel post all charges prepaid.

If possible, please mail your letter and photographs in the same envelope or package. If, however, you are obliged to mail the photographs separately, be sure to write your complete name and address on the back of each, and also write your name and address in the upper left-hand corner of the envelope or package in which the photographs are enclosed so we shall know from whom they come. Address all your letters and packages to

TRAPPING EDITOR,
COMFORT, Augusta, Maine

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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rest assured I mean to get all the good out of life I possibly can.

I have been reading COMFORT since 1891. I have several personal letters from Aunt Minerva. I suppose I had better introduce myself. I am five feet, one inch tall, have light hair, blue-gray eyes, fair complexion, in winter "dark" in summer, "well"—well, I guess I had not better tell you this time. And I am old enough to suit every sister who reads COMFORT? My disposition? Terrible! I could not worry if I tried. I feel that—

"There are just as many wedding dresses,
As there are o' shrouds,
And we find the sun a-shinin'
Just behind the clouds.
Life is sweet and joy is free,
And God is mighty good to me."

I would be glad to hear from any of the sisters. Will answer all letters but remember if you do not like long letters don't write to me. One of the readers, at least, can tell you she has received as many as thirty-five pages in one letter from me, so beware! If I could write like Pearl Vesey I would write into the wee sma' hours every night. As it is, my pen is worse than an eight-day clock when I get behind it. I am sending in a little poem and if the editor thinks it worth while, please print it. I am married and have one little girl, twelve years old.

MRS. ANNIE B. BLANTON.

Be Careful What You Say

"In speaking of a person's faults,
Pray don't forget your own;
Remember those of homes of glass
Should never throw a stone.
If we had nothing else to do
Than to talk of those who sin,
'Tis better we commence at home,
And from that point begin."

"We have no right to judge a man
Until he is fairly tried;
Should we not like his company,
We know the world is wide.
Some may have faults—
And who has not?
The old as well as young;
Perhaps we may, for aught we know,
Have fifty to their one."

"Then let us all, when we begin
To slander friend or foe,
Think of the harm one word may do
To those we little know.
Remember, curses sometimes, like
Our chickens roost at home.
Don't speak of others' faults
Until you have none of your own."

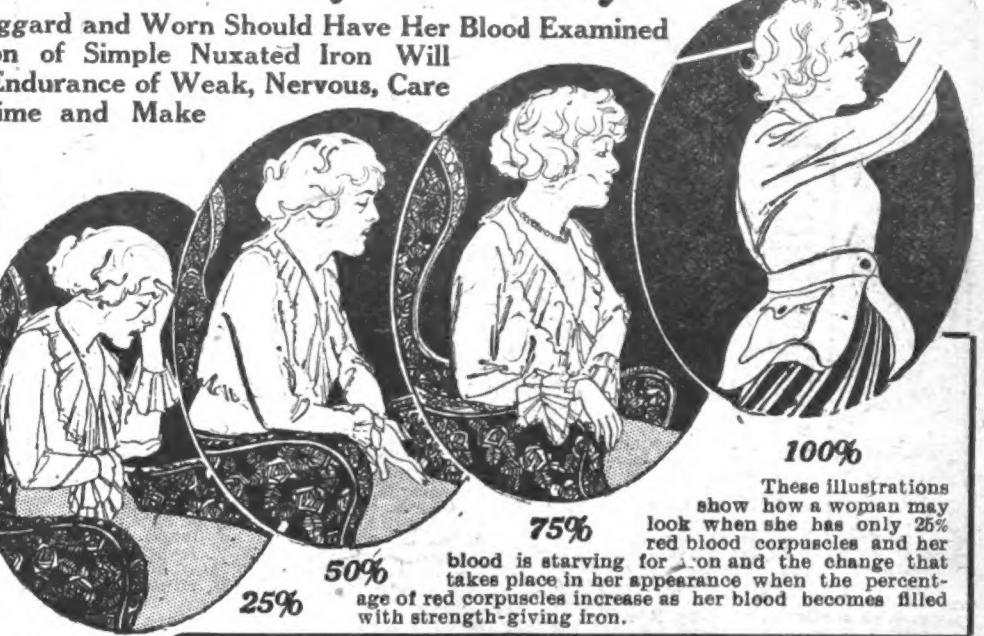
—Anon.

How Lack of Iron In the Blood May Change A Woman's Appearance And Break Down Her Physical Strength While Plenty of Iron Makes Rich Red Blood Corpuscles That Give Health, Vitality and Beauty

Every Woman Who Looks Pale, Haggard and Worn Should Have Her Blood Examined For Iron Deficiency—Administration of Simple Nuxated Iron Will Often Increase The Strength and Endurance of Weak, Nervous, Care Worn Women In Two Weeks' Time and Make Them Look Years Younger.

Longing for the keen activity, the youthful step, the fresh rosy cheeks and the sunny disposition of buoyant health is making many a woman unhappy, discontented, wrinkled and old before her time. Sleepless nights spent worrying over supposed ailments, constant dosing with habit-forming drugs and narcotics and useless attempts to brace up with strong coffee do not help the real cause of their trouble, which may be nothing more than lack of iron in the blood. For want of iron a woman may look and feel old at thirty, pale, haggard, and all run down—while at 50 or 60 with good health and plenty of iron in the blood she may still be young in feeling, and so full of life and attractiveness as to defy detection of her real age.

That women may become stronger, healthier, more beautiful and better able to meet the cares of home, social and business life by increasing the supply of iron in their blood is the opinion of Dr. George H. Baker, formerly Physician and Surgeon of Monmouth Memorial Hospital, New Jersey, who says: "What women need to put roses in their cheeks and the springtime of life into their step is not cosmetics or stimulating drugs, but plenty of rich, pure red blood. Without it no woman can do credit to herself or to her work. Iron is one of the greatest of all strength and blood-builders, and I have found nothing in my experience so effective for helping to make strong, healthy, red-blooded women as Nuxated Iron. From a careful examination of the formula and my own tests of Nuxated Iron, I feel convinced that it is a preparation which any physician can take himself or prescribe for his pa-



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Suppose, my little lady,
Your doll should break her head,
Could you make it whole by crying
Till your eyes and nose were red?
And wouldn't it be pleasanter
To treat it as a joke?
And say you're glad 'twas dolly's
And not your head that broke?

Suppose you're dressed for walking,
And the rain comes pouring down,
Will it clear off any sooner
Because you scold and frown?
And wouldn't it be nicer
For you to smile than pout.
And so make sunshine in the house
When there is none without?

Suppose your task, my little man,
Is very hard to get,
Will it make it any easier
For you to sit and fret?
And wouldn't it be nicer
Than waiting like a dunce,
To get to work in earnest,
And learn the thing at once?

Suppose that some boys have a horse,
And some a coach and pair,
Will it tire you less while walking
To say, "It isn't fair"?
And wouldn't it be nobler
To keep your temper sweet,
And in your heart be thankful
You can walk upon your feet?

Suppose the world don't please you,
Nor the way some people do,
Do you think the whole creation
Will be altered just for you?
And isn't it, my boy or girl,
The wisest, bravest plan
Whatever comes, or doesn't come,
To do the best you can?

—Phoebe Cary.

Best Ways of Doing Things Around the Home

When ironing stand on an old cushion. Strawberries, well sweetened and dried while fresh, are fine fruits for fruit cake.

When drying corn or pumpkins, grease the plates used and the vegetable will not stick.

Fasten a window shade to a set of open shelves and see how nicely it keeps out the dust.

Rub a large cork on the scouring cake and then on your knives and it makes the cleaning easier.

A good kitchen apron is made of white cloth, bound with dark braid.—LOUISE, Portland, Maine.

Wipe all greasy dishes with paper and burn paper. This saves getting the sink pipe clogged with grease.

A weak solution of ammonia, denatured alcohol and gasoline, used before washing article, will remove oleomargarine capsule coloring from clothing.

To remove grease spot from floor, rub with French chalk, place a piece of blotting paper over the spot and set a hot iron on the paper. Leave until cool.—HENRY'S WIFE, Fla.

TO REMOVE PAPER FROM POLISHED SURFACE OF DINING TABLE.—(Requested.) Drop sweet oil on the paper and rub gently with a cloth.—MRS. J. C. BEATTY, Greensburg, Box 473, Kans.

Put hard, dry lemons in hot water for two hours. Keep at an even temperature. This makes them like fresh ones. Or a large quantity of juice may be obtained from a stale lemon by heating it thoroughly in oven for a few minutes.

CHINA BERRY BRANDES.—Boil the berries until easily pierced with a needle and the yellow skin will come off when rubbed. String them while still hot, using coarse thread for the purpose. Let them dry in a warm place, moving on the string every few hours to keep the holes from drying too small.

I was often bothered by having garments made with body and sleeve in one piece tearing from just under the arm across each way until I tried this plan: Take a straight strip of cloth, I use a lengthwise piece, long enough to reach from the bottom of the article to the edge of sleeve. Sew between the edges. It helps relieve the strain.

When crocheting or embroidering and the finger gets sore, stick a piece of surgeon's plaster over it.—MRS. ELLAN M. HARRINGTON, So. Fayston, Va.

When frying fish if you'll let your fat come to the boiling point and put a small amount of salt in it, the fat won't "pop" and it keeps the fish from burning.

When sweeping, wet your broom in hot salty water and note results.

In beating eggs, first add a few drops of water. It makes them much lighter.—MRS. X. G. BOLT, Westminster, S. C.

To chop suet, cut in small pieces and remove the membrane. Sprinkle with flour and chop in a cold place to prevent sticking.

Moulds should be greased for any steamed mixture, wet in cold water for jellies, creams, etc., and neither greased nor wet if to be lined with cake.

To keep polished furniture free from spots, rub with a piece of soft silk saturated with vaseline.

Requests

How to care for orange trees from seeds. Trees are kept in house during winter.

Poem: "Annie and Willie's Prayer."—Marie Bolner, Hartford City, R. R. 6, Ind.

Mrs. Ralph Pickel, Wilbur, Wash., would like Dec. 1918 and Jan. 1919 numbers of Illustrated Companion.

Will someone please send me the September, 1919, number of COMFORT.—MRS. HENRY HOWARD, Campbellport, Wis.

Will someone who has a COMFORT Home Album to spare please write me.—MRS. FERDINAND PIERPHEAGEN, Chasaburg, Wis.

Wanted: September, 1913, number of the Woman's Home Companion. Will return favor.—MRS. L. C. KING, Reynolds, R. R. 11, Ill.

Will some kind reader please send me the January, 1919, number of The Illustrated Companion.—MISS NANNIE ANDERSON, Gackle, L. Box 27, N. Dak.

Wanted: One copy each of the September and October, 1918, issues of the American Review of Reviews. Will remunerate. Write me before mailing copies. E. F. COLWELL, Mt. Auburn, Ill.

If any of the boys who served in France with Private Leo Brinda in Co. B, 4th Inf., know anything of his death or where he is buried and would be kind enough to write to his mother it would be greatly appreciated.—MRS. CHAS. BRINDA, Valentine, Box 337, Nebr.

Would like the following songs sent me: "For Death Is Only a Dream," and "Boys in Blue." Also want a sure-enough cucumber pickle recipe so the cucumbers will be crisp and green like the ones we buy.—IDA MYERS, George West, Texas.

Remedies

BURNS.—Apply kerosene.

For a tickling in the throat, try a pinch of salt as far back in the mouth as possible.—MRS. ELLEN M. HARRINGTON, So. Fayston, Va.

Granulated sugar is good to stop bleeding from a wound. Bind on dry and it will soon stop the bleeding and remove soreness. Leave on for twelve hours.

FITS.—Eat a piece of swamp cabbage root the size of a pea one hour before breakfast. Keep this up until cured. Sometimes it requires six months.

CRUP.—One teaspoonful alum mixed with white of an egg and one teaspoonful doses every few minutes, until vomiting is produced.—CONTENT, Pennsylvania.

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Comfort's League of Cousins

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a third of our male population were diseased, undernourished and unfit to fight. They had had plenty of food, but it was the wrong food and badly cooked. The fiendish frying pan, so dear to the heart of the average housewife, had practically murdered these rejected men. We have millions of stenographers (so called) but the money that is needed for their stomachs they put on their backs, or spend at the paint shops. When women are painted like Indians and wear only enough clothes to make a wristlet for a humming bird, don't talk about decency in an office or anywhere else. Mearle, a first-class cook can make ten thousand dollars a year, and that is more than a stenographer ever made, unless she vamped or married the boss. So be a cook.

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Here's your chance to do some real good. Suffering, without money for proper nourishment, medical advice, expert nursing and necessary drugs, is hell. I know for I have been there. Give liberally and save these poor souls worry and torture.

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With Shutter and Lens

By Carl Schurz Lowden

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THEODORE Roosevelt, who humbled the most savage beasts of Africa, came back to his home at Oyster Bay with a decided preference for hunting in his own front yard and the neighborhood. He would rather stalk Long Island's songbirds with a camera or opera glass than slay the biggest rhino in all the length and breadth of the Dark Continent.

Camera hunting is like any other game. If you enter into it enthusiastically, you will experience a mental and physical boost, a lifting-up to a new horizon, a discovery of a new world. If you master a few necessary principles, you and your friends will reap real enjoyment.

The mere possession of a camera opens up many possibilities. When the men make hay and wee Johnny hitches the goat to his little wagon to haul a load all by himself, take aim and press the shutter release. Do thou likewise with a baby brother or sister, a pony, a dog or any other pet. When you participate in a picnic or any worth-while activity, record the event with a big dinner or a reunion or a club meeting or your picture-taking device.

Now a box camera will produce passable photos and views, but, obviously, cannot compare with the high-priced type. Its cost is small and it represents good value. It has a fixed or universal focus. It can be used successfully, with a few exceptions, only on days when the sun shines. This feature somewhat sadly limits the range of subjects. The ordinary box camera is operated by means of a lever and therefore is not a safe proposition when prevailing clouds necessitate a time exposure.

A folding camera, as the name implies, is much more flexible than the box style. It has a focusing scale; if the subject is ten feet from the operation, the front must be set at that mark. The distance must be correctly estimated or the resulting photo will be blurred.

Exposures of varying lengths can be made with the folding type, whereas the box camera is restricted to the instantaneous or snapshot and another technically called "Time." The folding mechanism may have as many as five kinds of snapshots, from one fifth of a second to one three hundredth or even faster. It also has "Bulb" and "Time," permitting any length of exposure that may be desired.

There are two kinds of cameras, one using rolls or sheets of films and the other using dry plates of glass. The latter are bulky and add much weight to the carrying case; therefore, the film type is preferable. If a picture is taken on a flat sheet of film or on a plate, it can be removed and developed at once. With the roll film the operator cannot develop any image until all the exposures, six, ten or twelve, have been made. Absolute accuracy in focusing and placing or centering is possible with the plate camera for the picture is thrown upon the ground glass; it is precisely the same as the finished product with the exception that it appears upside down.

There are two classes of photos, those of inanimate objects and those of living forms capable of movement. For the first, it is advisable to make a slow exposure with the diaphragm, which admits the light, partly closed; this adjustment brings the details out sharp. A rapid exposure is needed for any moving object and the diaphragm should be wide open or nearly so. In taking a landscape with trees swaying gently and sun shining, one twenty-fifth of a second would be safe whereas in a strong wind the speed should be doubled or quadrupled. In snapping an animal one must be scrupulously careful to click the shutter when the animal is momentarily still.

A photo may be taken indoors or out, in the shade or in the sun's glaring rays. Rarely should a snapshot be attempted when clouds obscure the sun. Indoor work requires four to thirty seconds, depending upon the amount of light available and the diaphragm opening employed. In taking pictures under a tree or in the shade of a house, an exposure of one second or half that time will produce good results if the amount of light is properly restricted.

Do your own developing and make your own prints for thereby you will cut the cost and will, when you have caught the knack, obtain better pictures. Films can be developed automatically in a tank. For plates, a dark room and red or yellow light are imperative. Many camera users have the films or plates developed and prints made by drug stores which maintain photo-finishing departments.

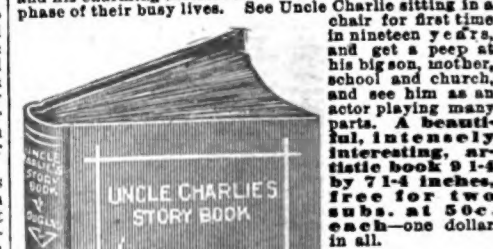
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Does it make any difference?

"He is my sun and hole support."

"I keep house for my mother and she has her mother and another daughter to support and I am now really on her shoulders."

According to your instructions I have given birth to twins in the enclosed envelope."

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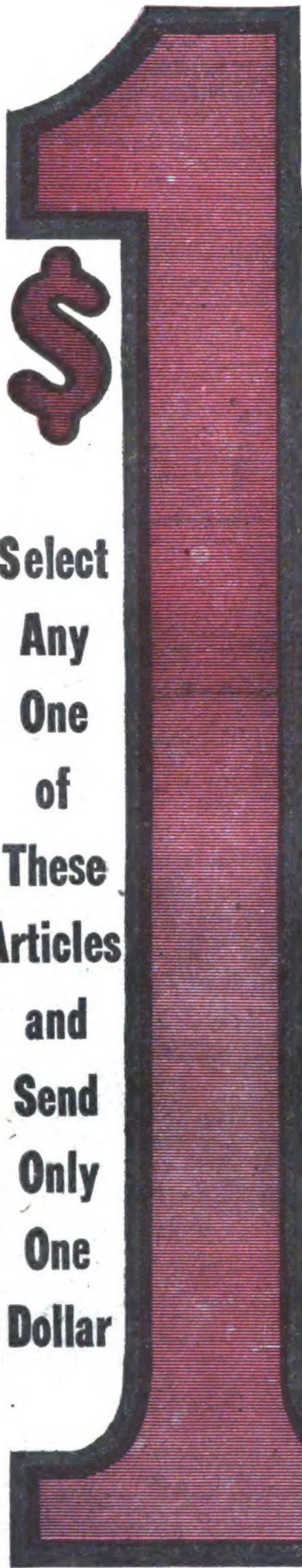
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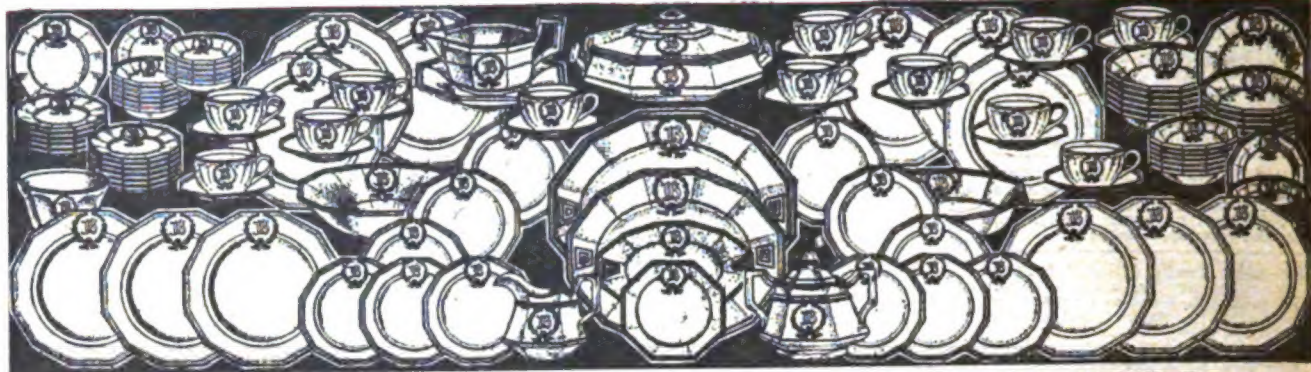
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